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JANUARY 1987
1 — New Year's Day

9 — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Banquet Raleigh Inn, Hwy. 70W, Raleigh, NC — 7 p.m.

10 — Woman's State Convention Mid-Year Session, Civic Center, Raleigh, NC

19 — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: HOLIDAY

19-22 — National Baptist Mid-Year Baton Rouge, LA

20-23 — Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year, Myrtle Beach, SC

A Tribute To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(1929-1968)



Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize winner, and civil rights leader was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929. His contributions to the world have been unparalleled in modern times. A dynamic and charismatic leader, Martin Luther King's power inspired people to greatness. Through the practice of non-violent protest, he became the voice of the oppressed and the conscience of the oppressors. Dr. King was the catalyst for significant legislation which improved the quality of life for people in America and the world. In 1963, Dr. King led the famous March on Washington where he delivered the legendary "I Have A Dream" speech, which will long be remembered as one of the most eloquent expressions of human aspiration.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, and members of the General Baptist State Convention.

It is my prayer that the New Year 1987 will hold for you and the members of your families a full measure of health, happiness and success.

As we begin the New Year of our Lord 1987, may we begin with the full knowledge that we are "co-laborers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9). As christian believers, we must be totally committed and involved in the business of converting the unsaved and cultivating the saved. It is not enough to reach the unsaved and baptize them, we must also teach and train them in the rigid requirement of christianity.

The General Baptist State Convention seeks to work with churches in conducting workshops, institutes, and seminars for ministers, church leaders and members along with providing services that will assist the churches in advancing the kingdom of God.

Our Convention during the past 12 months has endured the many challenges and still stands tall in the service of our great **King.** As your Executive Secretary, I am committed to give my all and all in order for our convention to continue to make progress under any and all circumstances and conditions. I solicit the prayers and the support of all committed christians to help our Convention to reach greater heights in this New Year.

Paul tells us of one of the great secrets of his life in the scripture recorded in Philippians 3:13-21: "This one thing I do," he said, "Forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul had had a hard past but he would not be in bondage to it. He had turned his past over to God who was more than able to deal with it.

There may be some things in the past year for which we should be ashamed. We may feel that we can be destroyed by them. Where we have wounded we should try to heal, where we have wronged we should seek forgiveness, and where we have alienated we should seek reconciliation. We can trust God in spite of adversities, in spite of what men say and do to us. If his providence is over the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, how much more will he care for us who are his servants?

As we face the New Year we can be free of enslavement to its fears, threats and intimidations if we know that the "Lord is our shepherd." As we set priorities for the New Year, what will be first? Money, self or ambition? Jesus has directed us to set priorities. "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness," he said, and "all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33, RSV).

Paul established priorities when he gave away one of the secrets of his life when he said: "this one thing I do. . .I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We can be assured of the fact that the New Year is a part of God's plan for us and that he is with us as we seek to do his will. Whenever we are in the plan of God's will, he will be with us in our hopes and fears, our weakness and our strength, our joy and our pain.

God in Christ has promised to go with us. This was his last promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:20, RSV).

In spite of the mountains and the valleys, the ups and downs, and in spite of what men say and do to us, "I am a strong witness out of experiences that if God be for us who can be against us?"

My challenge to all pastors, moderators, members of our Baptist Churches of the State is to join hands and hearts and move forward in a progressive way under the Lordship of him who holds our lives in his care and keeping.

The staff members at Baptist Headquarters join me in wishing for you and members of your families and churches a New Year of happiness far beyond your expectations.

Happy New Year from the Exective Secretary

"Churches That Met Their Quotas"

Pee Dee Association — J.H. Ferguson, Moderator
Center Grove, Red Springs, T.M. McDonald
First, Southern Pines, W.J. Haire
Friendship, Hamlet, D.M. Ferguson
Galilee, Pinehurst, T.R. Davis
Popular Springs, Rockingham, J.H. Ferguson
Sandy Grove, Maxton, J. Foster
Shiloh, Maxton, H.E. Edwards
Spring Branch, Wagram, J.D. McDonald
Star of Bethlehem, Laurinburg, J. McLean
Northampton Association — D.L. Morris, Moderator
Pattillo Chapel, Henrico, Edward Fleming
Wake Association — P.R. Jones, Moderator
Wakefield, Zebulon, J.T. Parks, Jr.
Zion Association — A.L. Bell, Moderator
Friendship, Monroe, R.L. Milhouse

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My Memories of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this month, I am reminded of the legacy that he left for us as General Baptist. During the late 1950s and the 1960s, King made many visits to North Carolina on behalf of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). On the weekend of April 15-17, 1960, Dr. King called a "student conference" to meet at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, to organize students for the civil rights struggle. King joined the conference on Saturday, and spoke at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. From this conference, in subsequent meetings in Atlanta, student leaders formed an independent organization called the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). SNCC led sit-ins and mobilized students across America to combat segregation through nonviolent protest.

Dr. King would also often fly into Raleigh-Durham, Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem, and Charlotte airports for press conferences and SCLC planning sessions with local religious and civic leaders.

In the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, ministers often played important roles as black leaders, in politics, civic life and religion. In the South, ministers often served as intermediaries between blacks and influential whites. Martin Luther King Jr. based his movement for social change and justice in the masses of black Baptist in the South. This was a natural connection because Dr. King was a product of the black Baptist religious experience.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. His parents were the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and Mrs. Alberta Williams King. King's father was pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Dr. King was licensed to preach in 1947 when he was only 18 and ordained to the Christian ministry on February 25, 1948. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta and received his bachelor's degree in sociology in 1948. He received his theological training at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1951 at the head of his class. He then entered Boston University School of Theology where he received his doctorate degree June 5, 1955.

During this period of time, Dr. King married Coretta Scott of Marion, Alabama, June 18, 1953; and, became the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, October 31, 1954. It was in Montgomery, following the December 1, 1955, bus sit-in by Mrs. Rosa Parks, that Dr. King began the greatest nonviolent civil rights struggle America had ever experienced. From Montgomery to Memphis, where King was assassinated April 4, 1968, on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel.

No other black leader has equaled the rich social and religious artistry of Martin Luther King Jr. He was indeed a world historical figure. He captured the spotlight of history precisely at the right time, and responded with a blueprint for what America could become if it trusted God and its democratic legacy. His dream proved to be too threatening. It implied a massive redistribution of wealth and resources. He was murdered. But his dream still excites our social and political imaginations. It beckons us to work, to realize the dream that America can indeed be a truly pluralistic society, and that planet Earth can be a place in the universe where peace, justice, and freedom are the dominant ethos. As long as we are blessed in this earthly journey, every now and then, with a Martin Luther King Jr., our struggle is not in vain.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie



The Man Yet Speaks

By Executive Secretary Brodie

Now it is that we find ourselves in January, the first month of a new calendar year. Even though this is a new month in a new year and each a beginning, still is there a linkage with the past. For there were things begun in yesteryear(s) which we must continue in this the New Year.

Among these is the celebration of the life of a man who left a written legacy, **Strength To Love.** This black preacher and leader for Civil Rights began in a meek spirit, rose in a meek spirit, strove and struggled in a meek spirit, and died in a meek spirit. His meekness is in evidence because of his toughmindedness but tenderheartedness. In principle he followed the thesis of his inspirational work, **Strength To Love.** Though he became discouraged, he expressed to those whom he led to stride nonviolently toward freedom through a sea of turbulence and "corroding hatred." It is this spirit that we embrace as we prepare to observe the national holiday, the birthday of this man, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said in **Strength To Love** (p. 7.):

"At times we need to know that the Lord is a God of justice. When slumbering giants of injustice emerge in the earth, we need to know that there is a God of power who can cut them down like the grass and leave them withering like the green herb. When our most tireless efforts fail to stop the surging sweep of oppression, we need to know that in this universe is a God whose matchless strength is a fit contrast to the sordid weakness of man. But there are also times when we need to know that God possesses love and mercy. When we are staggered by the chilly winds of adversity and battered by the raging storms of disappointment and when through our folly and sin we stray into some destructive far country and are frustrated because of a strange feeling of homesickness, we need to know that there is Someone who loves us, cares for us, understands us, and will give us another chance. When days grow dark and nights grow dreary, we can be thankful that our God combines in his nature a creative synthesis of love and justice which will lead us through life's dark valleys and into sunlit pathways of hope and fulfillment."

The Christmas season has gone and yet her spirit must remain with us. It is apparent that King accepted the Spirit of Christ in Christmas because he himself gave his life that minorities (anybody who was voiceless and faceless in the affluent society) could live out their personhood with dignity as any other persons. Although he was a black man, his work/ministry affected those, one way or another, with whom he came in contact and many live because of his worldwide, national, and state leadership. His lifestyle in compassion for people cost him his life (How much like Jesus who gave LIFE that people may LIVE).

We must continue to share, though on a greater scale this year, under the hand of God in Christian missions. For the Woman's Convention these missions started more than 102 yesteryears, but in part they are as new as the newness of the year. As Christ and King must we, the Woman's Convention, have the strength to love though trials and tribulations come. For in some way LOVE gives us victory as well as the strength to endure and to continue to serve.

What is a greater way to start a new year, than to start by expressing and exemplifying concern for others so that they can find and achieve the purpose for which God has given them life? This is the Spirit of Christ and this was the spirit of King. Are we willing to receive our mantle? If so, then what of Shaw University **$44,000**, Shaw Divinity School **$30,000**, Foreign Missions **$40,000**, State Missions **$313,000**, Central Children's Home of North Carolina **$31,000** (Central Orphanage), and the Baptist Assembly **$15,000.** What a Happy New Year could we give these objectives should we realize our financial budget for each. Now is the time to begin.

Please remember to make all checks payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of NC and not to the objective(s); however, please indicate on the memo or for line the objective(s) or the appropriate explanation. THANK YOU!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, former President and President Luella D. Edwards are shown with Interim President of Shaw University John H. Lucas. Each of these ladies was honored by their Alma Mater with the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.) during Shaw's Founders Day Ceremonies.

Dr. J.B. McLester Elected President-Elect, CWUNC

Congratulations



Dr. J.B. McLester was recently elected President-Elect of the Church Women United of North Carolina. She was installed on Nov. 1. Upon becoming president in 1987, she will serve a two-year tenure.

Mrs. McLester is very active in this organization and represents a part of the General Baptist delegation.

WOMEN'S PAGE

President Edwards Gives 1987 Woman's Convention Projections

Mr. Chairman, President Humphrey and members of the General Board. I am delighted to have this privilege of giving to you our projections for 1987. We are still about the business of witnessing for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our methodology changes or varies according to the individual or the group, but nonetheless, we are witnessing.

Let me thank you pastors for your support of the Woman's Convention. We do not forget that without your support, our sisters probably would not be able to do the many successful things that they do.

Some of our activities in which we are already engaged include:

1. The celebration of the 100th birthday of Miss Minnie C. Lyon, our Returned Missionary to Liberia, West Africa. This celebration climaxes Dec. 25 when I will give to her the monetary gift that the Circles have sent specifically for her. Of the total amount received in our office, Miss Lyon will get one-half. The other one-half will be sent to support the clinic in our mission where she worked as a Registered Nurse for 30 years.

Mrs. Crystal Swain and Mr. Ervin Hester, (WTVD, Durham, Channel 11), are putting together a video on her. We hope it will be ready for viewing by that time.

We are aware that God blesses us that we may help others.



Luella D. Edwards

2. The little pamphlet that was written on her life as an informational/promotional measure has been submitted for copyright status.

OUR PROGRAMS FOR 1987:

1. Our One-Day session is Jan. 10, 1987 beginning at 9:00. We invite you to stay over for our session after attending the M.L. King Jr.'s celebration the night before. A highlight will be our emphasis given to our Senior Citizens who will talk on our objectives. We call this the "Golden Hour." Dr. Brodie will give the status of our finances. Rev. Billy Howze of Shelby will preach. Rev. E.K. Best III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Warsaw, will give the Bible lesson.

2. Our Leadership Workshop on the first Saturday in April at the Raleigh Civic Center at which time our leaders in our Circles will come together for motivation and/or learning to do their job better.

3. Our Annual Session will be held in the Benton Center, Winston-Salem, Dr. W.C. Hay, our host pastor. Our plans have not been finalized on that yet.

4. Our Family Mission Conference the 4th Saturday in September TBA

5. Our Youth Evangelism Conference the first Saturday in November — Place TBA. This is a highlight of our calendar year. For our youth are on the move for Christ and we want to support and encourage them. We are running out of churches that can hold the attendees.

In May (first Saturday) the Ministers' Wives fellowship will have their retreat at the J.J. Johnson Assembly site. It is always a rewarding conference.

In June (first Saturday) our Young Adult Department will have their retreat and will discuss topic of interest to them and their place in the missionary emphasis.

Our Baptist Picnic will be held on the third Saturday in July.

We are working hard to continue our tradition of cooperation and support to GBSC. We aim to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to our care. Dr. Brodie and her staff strive with success to keep our office work current.

A Prayer Conference In Haiti: Some Reflections

Five days in the Republic of Haiti in the West Indies are days that will not be forgotten soon.

These days were spent in a mission Prayer Conference in the Capital city of Port au Prince. I have read about it, I have heard about it, and I have seen pictures and films about it, but I was not totally prepared for the extent of poverty and the deprivation that I witnessed during my brief stay. To realize that just seven hundred miles from Miami, millions of black people live in such devastating conditions.

I was struck with such an emotional shock that I feel that I will never forget the hopeless facial expressions, the wanting of pure drinking water, the lacking of clothing, and food, and seeing men, women and children literally begging as a form of employment. This is not their life style. It is their life.

THE MISSION:

On December 4th, accompanied by Former President J.B. McLester, Fourth Vice President Novella T. Whitted, Vice Board Chairman Wilma Bryant and Returned Missionary to Haiti Catherlene Thompson, we joined forty-two other women from ten states for the five-day trip. Labeled as THE FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN'S INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER CONFERENCE, it was planned by Dr. Mary O. Ross, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated. She was answering a call from the three wives of three pastors who came to Kansas City in September and entreated those who would, to "Come over and help us. We need your prayers." Living out our theme: "CHRISTIAN WOMEN ADVOCATE PEACE, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LOVE," we responded. These were all volunteer responses because National Baptists have no mission projects in Haiti.

Our hosts and hostesses were three brothers: Pastor and Mrs. Esiae Dieudonne; Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Dieudonne and Pastor and Mrs. Nathan Dieudonne. They pastor Bethel Baptist Church in Croix des Bouquets (Cross of Flowers) with a membership numbering three thousands. They also sponsor a mission high up in the mountain where they have a school for children through grade eight. The highlight of the day is when they feed over four hundred-fifty children a hot meal. We were invited to share a meal with them after the children had given a mini-concert for us.

THE PROGRAM

Day One: We were all welcomed by our hosts. After our hymn time, there were minute prayers by eight women called "minute women." The Bethel Baptist Church choir composed of eighty voices presented a musical concert in French and English. Each woman was to join hands with a Haitian woman and share a coke with her as we attempted to break the language barrier.

Day Two: Morning Prayer Session: Mediation and Prayer led by Vice President Myra Taylor. Lecture: Why Pray?" We then took a tour of the city and visited some villages. During the evening session, we again engaged in prayer with our Haitian sisters and brothers. A choir from the Calvary Baptist Church pastored by Pastor Edmond Monteire sang for us.

Day Three: This was a morning of a prayer seminar. Mrs. McLester led a group in "A Prayer for Charity," and Mrs. Bryant and I led in "A Prayer for Our Home." These were profitable sessions. During the noon hour, each of us had brought items of clothing, and hard-to-get items for our mission, and we presented them at this time. What a glorious sight to behold when this "gathering time for the pantry shower" was over.

Day Four: Sunday: We all attended worship service at Bethel Baptist Church. We worshipped as four babies were dedicated to the Lord; and observed Holy Communion with them. We all felt at home singing "There is a Fountain," "Lead me to Calvary" and "Nothing but the Blood." Music is a universal language for we sang in English and they sang in French and our voices blended.

Day Five: We traveled by bus six thousand feet above sea level and held prayer meeting overlooking the city of Port au Prince. Vice President Whitted took a leading role in this service. As we stood on that mountain cliff, we were told by our guide that to our left were the shores of Cuba and to our right, the Dominican Republic. Both are troubled areas.

We also visited the Baptist Mission at Fairmount sponsored by the Conservative Baptists. They have a restaurant, a school with a membership of 25,000, a large Church, a garden where they grow vegetables, a nursery for plants, and a gift shop.

WHY PRAY WITH THE HAITIANS?

We pray because we know that the power of prayer changes things and people. This conference revealed what can happen when a group of praying women have a mind to do for the "least of these." It changed the hearts, minds and attitudes of the women toward each other by causing each to care and share because each group had something to offer.

We could have prayed for the Haitians at home but the true compassion came when we saw their need, we felt their hurt and were led to share our material blessings. During Day three, Dr. Ross asked us to share financially with our sisters and brothers. Within a span of twenty minutes, a free will offering of over $3,000 was received from among the 47 conferees. Had we not seen the need, we might not have been so generous.

Mrs. Catherlene Thompson, President of the Missionary Circle of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville and French Instructor at Fayetteville State University was an invaluable member of our party. She was our unofficial interpreter. Having been in Haiti as a missionary, she speaks creole and French fluently.

We ask your prayers for Haiti and that God will lay it upon somebody's heart to lead a project to help them. They need prayer, love, concern, and some knowledge of "how to" in order to be self supporting. Although there is a military rule there now, we experienced no type of political unrest. We were well received.

God blesses us that we might help others.

Luella D. Edwards
President WBHFMC
12/17/86

Editorials

A Call To Commitment
The Right To Vote Or The Right To Eat

I hope I never have to choose between democracy and feeding the hungry. In the United States feeding hungry Americans is no longer a priority. The federal government has cut, and cut back, programs that provided for pregnant mothers, preschool children, and hungry public school students at breakfast and lunch times. Many of the unemployed and underemployed are no longer "qualified" to receive food stamps. Despite this economic devastation, we continue to claim to be and function as a political democracy.

Democracy means majority rule, minority rights, individual/personal freedom, and nation-wide sovereignty. These political structures are in place in the United States whether or not the hungry are fed. None of the individual and group freedoms have been displaced; although some advanced civil rights programs and affirmative actions for disempowered minorities (and women) are currently in jeopardy. If these are ended then perhaps democracy in the United States is ended and I will experience no tension in deciding between feeding the hungry and political democracy.

Clearly, democracy does not guarantee economic quality, only political equality; so no matter how poor one is, one has the right to vote. Of course if one dies of starvation, the franchise is meaningless. While we may someday have to choose to live in a system that feeds the hungry, whether the system is democratic or authoritarian, United States citizens need not give up democracy to provide basic needs for the impoverished.

Most European nations, east and west of the Berlin Wall, provide their populations with jobs, or at least the necessities for human existence. Some of these countries are more democratic, some of them are more autocratic.

We must make a revolution if our government will not feed the hungry. The revolution may be non-violent and it may be consistent with democratic principles, but revolutionary it must be. For years the civil rights and black power movement led a revolution in this nation that ended second-class citizenship by color. National leaders were alternately sympathetic, apathetic, or antagonistic toward the revolution. Now we must end second-class citizenship **by nourishment. Until every mouth is fed I will not defend democracy at home or seek to advance democracy abroad.** If millions will take this pledge and agitate for a revolutionary change in the way United States cares about the least advantaged in our society, then we may not have to choose between democracy and feeding the hungry. The Government will respond by either ending hunger or ending democracy.

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World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
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Bread for the World

Psalm 72 Is A Prayer For King Solomon And For Poor Children In Our Country

When I was a child, a boy lived nearby who would stop by our house every day on his walk to school. He was very lean, spoke very softly and moved lethargically. He always looked like his energy had been stolen, or maybe it had vanished in thin air. I didn't know why, but my mother must have known. She not only prepared my bag lunch for school, she also gave this boy lunch every morning.

Now, 30 years later, many children in the United States are still hungry. And the Word of God commands us to do something!

Psalm 72 is a prayer for King Solomon that calls him to rule wisely and justly. This Psalm also asks that "he vindicate the afflicted of the people, save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor." (New American Standard) These words must challenge us to improve the present-day plight of our own children: (1) they are the poorest age group in the United States; (2) their growth is often stunted and this poverty is sometimes fatal; (3) one U.S. child dies every 53 minutes from the effects of poverty; (4) babies are more likely to die at birth if their mothers have not been able to afford adequate nutrition or prenatal care; and (5) in 1981, in Washington, DC, infants died at a rate twice the national average and that exceeded the infant mortality rate of Jamaica.

Today, hospitals are increasingly reporting instances of infant and child malnutrition which damages and stunts growth, but my mother saw it in that boy who came by the house years ago. She did what she could. Today, we can do so much more. By pooling our influence as Christians and writing letters to Congress in 1987, we can help get legislation passed that will help provide food and health assistance to thousands of women, infants and children in the United States.

Let me tell you how.

Churches across our nation will be holding a different kind of offering this year for poor and hungry people in the United States. This offering, encouraged by Bread for the World, the Christian citizens' antihunger movement, will request money from Congress instead of from your congregation. Over a thousand congregations will be writing and "Offering" letters to their senators and representatives, asking them to use our nation's vast resources "to save the children of the needy."

What is an Offering of Letters? During a worship service, Christians "unite to write" their members of Congress in order to get vital antihunger legislation passed. The letters are placed in an offering plate and mailed the next day. An Offering of this nature is not a call for a donation, but one for Christian action which is highly effective.

Take last year's Offering of Letters for example. More than 800 churches held Offerings and more than 60,000 letters were written. The result? During a time of budget cuts, Congress doubled funding for a worldwide Child Survival Fund by approving an additional $37.5 million for the program. This increase would not have occurred without an avalanche of letters.

This year, Bread for the World's Offering of Letters campaign will focus on the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in this country. WIC helps prevent malnutrition by providing a carefully designed package of nutritious foods to malnourished pregnant women, nursing mothers and children under five years old. It provides advice to mothers and provides health services. It also helps prevent malnutrition, infant death and mental and physical retardation in children. Letters in this year's Offering will encourage Congress to provide funds so that at least 500,000 more people can be added to the program each year for the next five years.

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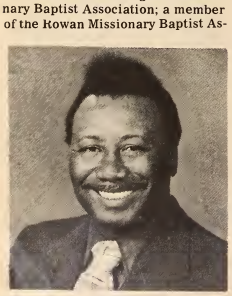
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In Memoriam

One of the most loved preacher/pastor/evangelists was called from labor to rest Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23, 1986. The Rev. Dr. Oscar Burt Cook was called by God to his heavenly home. A native of Shreveport, La., Dr. Cook moved to North Carolina many years ago. He was a graduate of Greensboro Bible College, Greensboro, N.C., and the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. where he was later honored with the Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Dr. Cook served as Dean of the Ministers of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Association; a member of the Rowan Missionary Baptist Association; President of the Ministerial Fellowship of Thomasville, N.C.; Member of the General Board and Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and a past Chairperson of the Convention Evangelism Committee.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Thomasville, N.C., and the Mars Hill Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N.C. at the end of his voyage he was the Pastor and Founder of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. where he served as a very extraordinary and dynamic leader.



Dr. Cook

Saddened by the loss, cherishing his memory yet rejoicing at his homegoing are his loving and dedicated wife, Pansy B. Cook of the home, two daughters, Brenda Stokes, Shreveport, and Terri Hale of Greensboro, many other relatives and friends.

Dr. Cook was loved and admired by many members of the General Baptist State Convention, he was a loyal and faithful supporter of our "work." Dr. Cook touched not only our lives but our souls with his inspirational preaching and teaching.

SOMEDAY

I do not know how long 'twill be,
Nor what the future holds for me,
But this I know, if Jesus leads me,
I shall get home someday.

— C.A. Tindley

FOR PREACHERS & PASTORS

Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month

"Shattered Dreams"



By Dr. M.L. King, Jr.

(Strength To Love, Harper & Row, 1963)

Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you.

Romans 15:24

Introduction

One of the most agonizing problems within our human experience is that few, if any, of us live to see our fondest hopes fulfilled. The hopes of our childhood and the promises of our mature years are unfinished symphonies. In a famous painting, George Frederic Watts portrays Hope as a tranquil figure who, seated atop our planet, her head sadly bowed, plucks a single unbroken harpstring. Is there any one of us who has not faced the agony of blasted hopes and shattered dreams?

In Paul's letter to the Roman Christians we find a potent illustration of this vexing problem of disappointed hopes: "Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you." One of his ardent hopes was to travel to Spain where, at the edge of the then known world, he might further proclaim the Christian gospel. On his return he wished to have personal fellowship with that valiant group of Roman Christians. The more he anticipated this privilege, the more his heart quickened with joy. His preparations now centered in carrying the gospel to the capital city of Rome and to Spain at the distant fringe of the empire.

What a glowing hope stirred within Paul's heart! But he never got to Rome according to the pattern of his hopes. Because of his daring faith in Jesus Christ, he was indeed taken there but as a prisoner and was held captive in a little prison cell. Nor did he ever walk the dusty roads of Spain, nor look upon its curvacious slopes, nor watch its busy coastal life. He was put to death, we presume, as a martyr for Christ in Rome. Paul's life is a tragic story of a shattered dream.

Life mirrors many similar experiences. Who has not set out toward some distant Spain, some momentous goal, or some glorious realization, only to learn at last that he must settle for much less? We never walk as free men through the streets of our Rome; instead, circumstances decree that we live within little confining cells. Written across our lives is a fatal flaw and within history runs an irrational and unpredictable vein. Like Abraham, we too sojourn in the land of promise, but so often we do not become "heirs with him of the same promise." Always our reach exceeds our grasp.

After struggling for years to achieve independence, Mahatma Gandhi witnessed a bloody religious war between the Hindus and the Moslems, and the subsequent division of India and Pakistan shattered his heart's desire for a united nation. Many Negro slaves in America, having longed passionately for freedom, died before emancipation. After praying in the garden of Gethsemane that the cup might pass, Jesus, nonetheless, drank to the last bitter dregs. And the Apostle Paul repeatedly and fervently prayed that the "thorn" might be removed from his flesh, but the pain and annoyance continued to the end of his days. Shattered dreams are a hallmark of our mortal life.

I

Before we determine how to live in a world where our highest hopes are not satisfied, we must ask, What does one do under such circumstances?

One possible reaction is to distill all of our frustrations into a core of bitterness and resentment. The person who pursues this path is likely to develop a callous attitude, a cold heart, and a bitter hatred toward God, toward those with whom he lives, and toward himself. Because he cannot corner God or life, he releases his pent-up vindictiveness in hostility toward other people. He may be extremely cruel to his mate and inhuman to his children. In short, meanness becomes his dominating characteristic. He loves no one and requires love from no one. He trusts no one and does not expect others to trust him. He finds fault in everything and everybody, and he continually complains.

Such a reaction poisons the soul and scars the personality, always harming the person who harbors this feeling more than anyone else. Medical science reveals that such physical ailments as arthritis, gastric ulcer, and asthma have on occasion been encouraged by bitter resentments. Psychosomatic medicine, dealing with bodily sicknesses which come from mental illnesses, shows how deep resentment may result in physical deterioration.

Another common reaction by persons experiencing the blighting of hope is to withdraw completely into themselves and to become absolute introverts. No one is permitted to enter into their lives and they refuse to enter into the lives of others. Such persons give up the struggle of life, lose their zest for living, and attempt to escape by lifting their minds to a transcendent realm of cold indifference. Detachment is the word which best describes them. Too unconcerned to love and too passionless to hate, too detached to be selfish and too lifeless to be unselfish, too indifferent to experience joy and too cold to experience sorrow, they are neither dead nor alive; they merely exist. Their eyes do not see the beauties of nature, their ears are insensitive to the majestic sounds of great music, and their hands are even unresponsive to the touch of a charming little baby. Nothing of the aliveness of life is left in them; only the dull motion of bare existence.

A third way by which persons respond to disappointments in life is to adopt a fatalistic philosophy stipulating that whatever happens must happen and that all events are determined by necessity. Fatalism implies that everything is foreordained and inescapable. People who subscribe to this philosophy succumb to an absolute resignation to that which they consider to be their fate and think of themselves as being little more than helpless orphans cast into the terrifying immensities of space. Because they believe that man has no freedom, they seek neither to deliberate nor to make decisions, but rather they wait passively for external forces to decide for them. They never actively seek to change their circumstances, for they believe that all circumstances, as in the Greek tragedies, are controlled by irresistible and foreordained forces.

To sink in the quicksands of fatalism is both intellectually and psychologically stifling. Because freedom is a part of the essence of man, the fatalist, by denying freedom, becomes a puppet, not a person. He is, of course, right in his conviction that there is no absolute freedom and that freedom always operates within the context of predestined structure. Common experience teaches that a man is free to go north from Atlanta to Washington or south from Atlanta to Miami, but not north to Miami nor south to Washington. Freedom is always within the framework of destiny. *But there is freedom.* We are both free and destined. Freedom is the act of deliberating, deciding, and responding within our destined nature. Even though destiny may prevent our going to some attractive Spain, we do have the capacity to accept such a disappointment, to respond to it, and to do something about the disappointment itself. But fatalism stymies the individual, leaving him helplessly inadequate for life.

Fatalism, furthermore, is based on an appalling conception of God, for everything, whether good or evil, is considered to represent the will of God. A healthy religion rises above the idea that God wills evil. Although God permits evil in order to preserve the freedom of man, he does not cause evil. That which is willed is intended, and the thought that God intends for a child to be born blind or for a man to suffer the ravages of insanity is sheer heresy that pictures God as a devil rather than as a loving Father. The embracing of fatalism is as tragic and dangerous a way to meet the problem of unfulfilled dreams as are bitterness and withdrawal.

II

What, then, is the answer? The answer lies in our willing acceptance of unwanted and unfortunate circumstances even as we still cling to a radiant hope, our acceptance of finite disappointment even as we adhere to infinite hope. This is not the grim, bitter acceptance of the fatalist, but the achievement found in Jeremiah's words, "This is a grief, and I must bear it."

You must honestly confront your shattered dream. To follow the escapist method of attempting to put the disappointment out of your mind will lead to a psychologically injurious repression. Place your failure at the forefront of your mind and stare daringly at it. Ask yourself, "How may I transform this liability into an asset? How may I, confined in some narrow Roman cell and unable to reach life's Spain, transmute this dungeon of shame into a haven of redemptive suffering?" Almost anything that happens to us may be woven into the purposes of God. It may lengthen our cords of sympathy. It may break our self-centered pride. The cross, which was willed by wicked men, was woven by God into the tapestry of world redemption.

We Negroes have long dreamed of freedom, but still we are confined in an oppressive prison of segregation and discrimination. Must we respond with bitterness and cynicism? Certainly not, for this will destroy and poison our personalities. Must we, by concluding that segregation is within the will of God, resign ourselves to oppression? Of course not, for this blasphemously attributes to God that which is of the devil. To cooperate passively with an unjust system makes the oppressed as evil as the oppressor. Our most fruitful course is to stand firm with courageous determination, move forward nonviolently amid obstacles and setbacks, accept disappointments, and cling to hope. Our determined refusal not to be stopped will eventually open the door of fulfillment. While still in the prison of segregation, we must ask, "How may we turn this liability into an asset?" By recognizing the necessity of suffering in a righteous cause, we may possibly achieve our humanity's full stature. To guard ourselves from bitterness, we need the vision to see in this generation's ordeals the opportunity to transfigure both ourselves and American society. Our present suffering and our nonviolent struggle to be free may well offer to Western civilization the kind of spiritual dynamic so desperately needed for survival.

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Tribute to Dr. King

Shattered Dreams, (Cont. from page 7)

Some of us, of course, will die without having received the realization of freedom, but we must continue to sail on our charted course. We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope. Only in this way shall we live without the fatigue of bitterness and the drain of resentment.

This was the secret of the survival of our slave foreparents. Slavery was a low, dirty, and inhuman business. When the slaves were taken from Africa, they were cut off from their family ties and chained to ships like beasts. Nothing is more tragic than to be divorced from family, language, and roots. In many instances, husbands were separated from wives and children from parents. When women were forced to satisfy the biological urges of white masters, slave husbands were powerless to intervene. Yet, in spite of inexpressible cruelties, our foreparents survived. When a new morning offered only the same long rows of cotton, sweltering heat, and the rawhide whip of the overseer, these brave and courageous men and women dreamed of the brighter day. They had no alternative except to accept the fact of slavery, but they clung tenaciously to the hope of freedom. In a seemingly hopeless situation, they fashioned within their souls a creative optimism that strengthened them. Their bottomless vitality transformed the darkness of frustration into the light of hope.

III

I first flew from New York to London in the propeller-type aircraft that required nine and a half hours for a flight now made in six hours by jet. When returning from London to the States, I was told that the flying time would be twelve and a half hours. The distance was the same. Why an additional three hours? When the pilot entered the cabin to greet the passengers, I asked him to explain the difference in flight time. "You must understand something about the winds," he said. "When we leave New York, a strong tail wind is in our favor, but when we return, a strong head wind is against us." Then he added, "Don't worry. These four engines are capable of battling the winds." At times in our lives the tail winds of joy, triumph, and fulfillment favor us, and at times the head winds of disappointment, sorrow, and tragedy beat unrelentingly against us. Shall we permit adverse winds to overwhelm us as we journey across life's mightly Atlantic, or will our inner spiritual engines sustain us in spite of the winds? Our refusal to be stopped, our "courage to be," our determination to go on "in spite of," reveal the divine image within us. The man who has made this discovery knows that no burden can overwhelm him and no wind of adversity can blow his hope away. He can stand anything that can happen to him.

Certainly the Apostle Paul possessed this type of "courage to be." His life was a continual round of disappointments. On every side were broken plans and shattered dreams. Planning to visit Spain, he was consigned to a Roman prison. Hoping to go to Bithynia, he was sidetracked to Troas. His gallant mission for Christ was measured "in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren." Did he permit those conditions to master him? "I have learned," he testified, "in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Not that Paul had learned to be complacent, for nothing in his life characterizes him as a complacent individual. In his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Edward Gibbon records, "Paul has done more to promote the idea of freedom and liberty than any man who set foot on western soil." Does this sound like complacency? Nor did he learn resignation to inscrutable fate. By discovering the distinction between spiritual tranquility and the outward accidents of circumstance, Paul learned to stand tall and without despairing amid the disappointments of life.

Each of us who makes this magnificent discovery will, like Paul, be a recipient of that true peace "which passeth all understanding." Peace as the world commonly understands it comes when the summer sky is clear and the sun shines in scintillating beauty, when the pocketbook is full, when the mind and body are free of ache and pain, and when the shores of Spain have been reached. But this is not true peace. The peace of which Paul spoke is a calmness of soul amid terrors of trouble, inner tranquility amid the howl and rage of outer storm, the serene quiet at the center of a hurricane amid the howling and jostling winds. We readily understand the meaning of peace when everything is going right and when one is "up and in," but we are baffled when Paul speaks of that true peace which comes when a man is "down and out," when burdens lie heavy upon his shoulders, when pain throbs annoyingly in his body, when he is confined by the stone walls of a prison cell, and when disappointment is inescapably real. True peace, a calm that exceeds all description and all explanation, is peace amid storm and tranquility amid disaster.

Through faith we may inherit Jesus' legacy, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Paul at Philippi, incarcerated in a dark and desolate dungeon, his body beaten and bloody, his feet chained, and his spirit tired, joyously sang the songs of Zion at midnight. The early Christians, facing hungry lions in the arena and the excruciating pain of the chopping block, rejoiced that they had been deemed worthy to suffer for the sake of Christ. Negro slaves, bone-weary in the sizzling heat and the marks of whip lashes freshly etched on their backs, sang triumphantly, "By and by I'm gwin to lay down this heavy load." These are living examples of peace that passeth all understanding.

Our capacity to deal creatively with shattered dreams is ultimately determined by our faith in God. Genuine faith imbues us with the conviction that beyond time is a divine Spirit and beyond life is Life. However dismal and catastrophic may be the present circumstance, we know we are not alone, for God dwells with us in life's most confining and oppressive cells. And even if we die there without having received the earthly promise, he shall lead us down that mysterious road called death and at last to that indescribable city he has prepared for us. His creative power is not exhausted by this earthly life, nor is his majestic love locked within the limited walls of time and space. Would not this be a strangely irrational universe if God did not ultimately join virtue and fulfillment, and an absurdly meaningless universe if death were a blind alley leading the human race into a state of nothingness? God through Christ has taken the sting from death by freeing us from its dominion. Our earthly life is a prelude to a glorious new awakening, and death is an open door that leads us into life eternal.

The Christian faith makes it possible for us nobly to accept that which cannot be changed, to meet disappointments and sorrow with an inner poise, and to absorb the most intense pain without abandonment our sense of hope, for we know, as Paul testified, in life or in death, in Spain or in Rome, "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Coretta Scott King — A Courageous Lady

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. became the voice of a people oppressed, upholding the philosophy of nonviolence until death by a sniper's bullet. The burden and the glory, he shared with his wife, Coretta. His death was not the end of that for which he stood.

Coretta Scott, a singer from Marion, Alabama, became the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr. on June 18, 1953. She is the mother of their four children, Yolanda, Martin III, Dexter, and Bernice. The children share with their mother, the effort to perpetuate the legacy of their father, a noble servant of humanity. She believes, as her husband did, that we who dedicate ourselves to God are His instruments in that glorious struggle.

In 1964, her late husband was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35. Of this honor, she has stated that she was pleased but she realized the tremendous responsibility that this placed on him. She felt, pride and joy, and pain too when she thought of the added responsibility that her husband must bear; and she added that "it was my burden too."

Martin was studying in graduate school at Boston University and Coretta was enrolled at the New England Conservatory of Music. Her degree was in Music education, with a major in voice.

Martin had none of the insecurities that seem to beset so many men in America. He always made her feel like a real woman because he was a real man in every respect. Coretta is a real woman in every respect. There were times when she had to take actions that made the difference. When Martin was arrested in Birmingham, Alabama on a Good Friday and not allowed to talk to anyone not even her or an attorney. Coretta talked to God. Then she called President Kennedy. The President sent the FBI to Birmingham to check on Martin. Within fifteen minutes after the President called to assure her that he was going to be in touch with her, Martin called her. It was the President's intervention that gave real momentum to the Birmingham movement. We look at her courage, her faith, her actions, her concerns and love for mankind. During the eight days in jail, Martin wrote his famous open letter, "Letter from a Birmingham jail."

It is clear that Coretta feels no bitterness against men of the world. She feels compassionate. When she received the news that Martin was dead her thoughts were that it was somehow appropriate that his supreme sacrifice should come at the Easter season. The oldest daughter said to her mother that although her father was physically dead that his spirit will never die. Coretta is such a strong and brave lady. From her speech given April 8, 1968 at Memphis City Hall, four days after his death, "We must carry on because this is the way he would have wanted it to have been. I need not say to you that he never thought in terms of the cause which he dedicated his life to, and that cause we shared with him."

To paraphrase the words of the late President Kennedy — Martin Luther King, Jr.'s unfinished work on earth must truly be our own.



Mrs. Vernie B. Williams

I feel very comfortable writing about her although I have not met her. Space does not permit me to mention all the praises that she is due for her work. I feel that she, as her late husband is motivated by the strength of religious faith and religious awareness.

Tribute to Dr. King Continued

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Nonviolent Philosophy Of Social Change

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As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this month, I would like to shed a little light on his concept of Nonviolent intervention for social change.

The Nonviolent Philosophy

The nonviolent concept is not new. This philosophy has its developmental rootage in the Judeo-Christian religion.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. is the most contemporary, dynamic and dramatic proponent of the nonviolent philosophy.

At the age of 36, he had already become world famous, winning the 1964 Nobel Prize for his outstanding contribution in the field of human relations. He reached his achievements through the skillful and devout employment of the method of philosophy of nonviolence.

It does not yet appear what the end will be!

In his short span of life, King found time to write. Among his several works (e.g. **Strength to Love, Why We Can't Wait; "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"**), the one in which he gives a detail account of his pilgrimage to nonviolence is **Stride Toward Freedom** (1958). Here he traces the antecedents of his enactment of the leadership role in the nonviolent struggle today. Let us observe the significant highlights of that pilgrimage as he narrates the story:

"Gandhi was probably the first person in history to lift the love ethnic of Jesus above mere interaction between individuals to a powerful and effective social force on a large scale. Love for Gandhi was a potent instrument for social and collective transformation. It was this Gandhian emphasis on love and nonviolence that I discovered the method for social reform that I had been seeking for so many months. The intellectual and moral satisfaction that I failed to gain from the utilitarianism of Bentham and Mill, the revolutionary methods of Marx and Lenin, the social contract theory of Hobbes, the 'back to nature' optimism of Rousseau and the superman philosophy of Nietzsche, I found the nonviolent resistance philosophy of Gandhi. I came to feel that this was the only morally and practically sound method open to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom . . ."

"When the protest (Montgomery bus boycott) began, my mind, consciously or unconsciously, was driven back to the Sermon on the Mount, with its sublime teachings on love, and the Gandhian method of nonviolent resistance. Living through the actual experience of the protest, nonviolence became more than a method to which I gave intellectual assent; it became a commitment to a way of life."

King proceeds to outline six basic aspects of the nonviolent philosophy as follows:

"First, it must be emphasized that nonviolent resistance is not a method for cowards; it does resist. For while the nonviolent resister is passive in the sense that he is not physically aggressive toward his opponent, his mind and emotions are always active, constantly seeking to persuade his opponent that he is wrong. The method is passive physically, but strongly active spiritually. It is not passive nonresistance to evil; it is active nonviolent resistance to evil."

"Second, nonviolence does not seek to defeat or humiliate the opponent, but to win his friendship and understanding. The nonviolent resister must often express his protest through non-cooperation on boycotts, but he realizes that these are not ends themselves; they are merely means to awaken a sense of moral shame in the opponent. The end is redemption and reconciliation. The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness."

"Third, the nonviolent attack is directed against forces of evil rather than against persons who happen to be doing the evil. . . the nonviolent resister has the vision to see that the basic tension is not between races . . . we are out to defeat injustice and not white persons who may be unjust."

"Fourth, nonviolence resistance is willingness to accept suffering without retaliation, to accept blows from the opponent without striking back. He is willing to accept violence if necessary, but never to inflict it . . . unearned suffering is redemptive. Suffering, the nonviolent resister realizes, has tremendous educational and transforming possibilities. Gandhi says, 'suffering is infinitely more powerful than the law of the jungle for converting the opponent and opening his ears which are otherwise shut to the voice of reason.' "

"Fifth, nonviolent resistance avoids, not only external physical violence but also internal violence of the spirit. The nonviolent resister not only refuses to shoot his opponent, but he also refuses to hate him. At the center of nonviolence stands the principle of love . . . when we speak of loving those who oppose us, we refer to neither **Eros** nor **Philia**; we speak of a love which is expressed in the Greek word **Agape** . . . it is the love of God operating in the human heart. Love, **Agape**, is the only cement that can hold this broken community together."

"And sixth, nonviolent resistance is based on the conviction that the universe is on the side of justice, for he knows that in his struggle for justice, he has cosmic companionship. Whether we call it an unconscious process, an impersonal Braham, or a personal being of matchless power and infinite love, there is a creative force in this universe that works to bring the disconnected aspects of reality into a harmonious whole."

In summary, we can conclude that the philosophy is not one of primitive vengence of the **lex talionis** type, whereby one retaliates with an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. It is not a method for cowards. It is not a hate your enemy philosophy. It is not a communistic philosophy of the Karl Marx and Lenin type. It is not Jeremiah Bentham's utilitarianism. It is not taking the sword, not bombing, burning, brick-bat or bottle throwing; it is not turning on fire hoses, or police dogs, or tear gas; it is not prodding with electric cattle goads. Then, what is it? It is a positive philosophy rooted and grounded in love, **Agape** love, which resists evil with good, turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, prays for those who persecute you and firmly believes that the creator and sustainer of this universe is on the side of justice and will eventually "overcome" injustice and hatred. This is a commitment to "a way of life" which holds to the conviction that both man and the universe are in the hands of an infinite power who ultimately controls our destiny.

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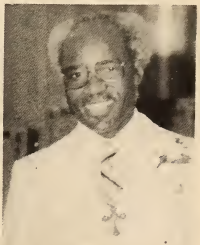


Dr. Grady D. Davis

Thank You

The Rev. Dr. G.A. Jones Sr., the newly elected recording secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc., wishes to thank those of you who gave me the opportunity to be your servant for the next four years. I pledge my best to you in the great cause of Jesus Christ — our Saviour and our Lord who has called us to the great task of Christianizing the world, and bringing the lost to Him from wherever we find them; In the hedges, highways, broadways and byways; For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Thess. 5:9):

As a Christian Body; I believe that we can do all things through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who strengthens us. God has called us to peace, and stated, "My peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth etc." God has called us to unity for where there be unity, there is strength, and certainly we need the strength of God if we are to overcome, by doing his work not through strife or vain glory. Let us therefore, with forces blended together go forth with His work, so that when it is finished, He will say Well done for we will have done well. I, therefore, pledge my total support for unity that our objectives be satisfied.



Dr. G.A. Jones Sr.

Tribute to Dr. King

The Context Of MLK's Times†

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I offer up for your thinking some broad contours of MLK's life and times on the assurance that you loved the King so much that you'll seek out the many books done by and about him to ferret-out the details for yourself. The best title on the whole story and the significance of Dr. King's life is found in a new book by my friend and mentor, Dr. C. Eric Lincoln of Duke University. His book is entitled: **Race, Religion and the Continuing American Dilemma.**

INTRODUCTION

Kabezya-Mpungu, the highest god, had created the sky and the earth and two human beings, a man and a woman, endowed with Reason. However, these two human beings, did not, as yet, possess MUTIMA, or heart.

Kabezya-Mpungu had four children, the Sun, the Moon, Darkness, and Rain. He called them all together and said to them, "I want to withdraw now, so that Man and Woman can no longer see me. I will send down Mutima in my place, but before I take leave I want to know what you, Rain, are going to do." "Oh," replied Rain, "I think I'll pour down without cease and put everything under water." "No," answered the god, "don't do that! Look at these two," and pointed to Man and Woman; "do you think they can live under water? You'd better take turns with the Sun. After you have sufficiently watered the earth, let the Sun go to work and dry it."

"And how are you going to conduct yourself?" the god asked the Sun. "I intend to shine hotly and burn anything under me," said his second child.

"No" replied Kabezya-Mpungu. "That cannot be. How do you expect the people whom I created to get food? When you have warmed the earth for a while, give Rain a chance to refresh it and make the fruit grow."

"And you, Darkness, what are your plans?"

"I intend to rule forever!" was the answer.

"Have pity," cried the god. "Do you want to condemn my creatures, the lions, the tigers, and the serpents, to see nothing of the world I made? Listen to me: give the Moon in its last quarter, then you may again rule. But I have lingered too long; now I must go." And he disappeared.

Somewhat later, Mutima, (Heart) came along, in a small container no bigger than one's hand.

Heart was crying, and asked Sun, Moon, Darkness, and Rain, "Where is Kabezya-Mpungu, our Father?"

"Father is gone," they said, "and we do not know where." "Oh, how great is my desire," replied Heart, "to commune with Him. But since I cannot find Him I will enter Man and Woman. Through them, I will seek God from generation to generation."

AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED. EVER SINCE, ALL CHILDREN BORN OF MAN CONTAIN MUTIMA, A LONGING FOR GOD.

This Senegales folktale on "The Creation of the World" is quite appropos in putting the life of MLK into proper context. For one, Dr. King, like the Sun, Moon, Darkness, and Rain, was one of God's children; and indeed, few need to be badgered into accepting a characterization of him as the very personification of the Heart of his times. MLK did, as he dreamed, come to commune with God, as he now stands, like the Heart in our African folktale, as a constant reminder to every generation that America's dream is but a fantasy if not shared by all Americans.

MLK AN AMERICAN DILEMMA

The full story of MLK is a commentary on America more than it is the biography of an individual. MLK is a tragic hero by whose light the profile of Western culture (American style) was projected on the conscience of the nation for a brief moment. The significance of King is measured not so much by the nature of his accomplishments or the realization of his dreams as by the power of the paradox he created for America by being who he was and doing what he did. MLK was never on trial at all. America was on trial — self consciously on trial; and America developed a defensive psychosis which inevitably led to the removal of Dr. King. He was the symbol — the unbearable symbol — of what is wrong with ourselves and our culture. Because Dr. King was, after all, a black man (an Afro-American), and because he expressed so clearly and articulated so perfectly the central message of the Christian doctrine, he was for white-oriented America the negation of all negations; a contradiction of all contradictions, a paradox if there ever was one!

He could not be dismissed like Marcus Garvey, Noble Drew Ali, or Father Devine. He was no "Negro cultist" like Elijah Muhammed, and nor did his image allow room for the kinds of questions as those raised about Malcolm X. His credentials were of the highest order . . . such a paradox was he because America did not know what to do with a black man who did not hate, but who knew he was hated; who loved when he knew he was not loved; who wanted to live but whose life was a constant challenge to death; one who prayed for his abusers; who said to a society which had consigned him to oblivion, "is this what you meant by faith?" Surely you don't have God in your heart!" He became the heart of America.

In the heart of black Christians, MLK transformed religious fervor into concerted social and political action; and, for the first time since the Africans had come to America, they began to break the chains that separated black men and women from the rest of God's children. The meditations of his heart and the words of his mouth reverberated to mobilize, organize, and galvanize struggles for equality across the length and breadth of the African world inside America and around the world where peoples of color were consigned "outside the heart of God."

MLK AND BLACK CHURCH LEADERSHIP

For 15 years he sustained his efforts, under grave conditions of danger and liability, helping black people free themselves from self-doubt and self-debasement. He taught black people to walk together, pray together, and stay together. His heart's message: "A people who believe in God, themselves, and in each other could be held by no chains."

From Montgomery, where he first saw his dreams, King widened his vision to worldwide examples of man's inhumanity to man. Not only Montgomery, and later Birmingham, Selma, Albany, but on to Cicero, Washington, the Nobel Peace Prize, and his eventual leadership of the anti-Vietnam crusade . . . and the Poor People's Campaign . . . all confrontations **with** and confirmations **of** his "Dream."

Not all agreed with him, in the black community, in his times. The entrenched black leadership, older ministers, looked askance at this young minister and his methods. Many blacks, especially in the cities of the North, did not trust him **because** he was a preacher: clergical leadership, up to his times, had been singular for its indifference to the "lowest of the low." At times, the black preachers were known best for their ability to be self-aggrandizing, oftimes simply illiterate, ritualistic, and dysfunctional in their accommodation to white paternalism.

Dr. King was applauded, feared, honored, loved, misunderstood, hated, and idolized. Some agreed with him, some never would, but few could **ignore** him, and few did! He discredited America's version of apartheid. He catapulted the Black Church, the Invisible Heart, in to the political sway, in a way that had not taken place since slavery, but one that has come to be neglected in the "qualified" freedoms blacks now enjoy — after Dr. King. As he warned, we have returned to a new "business-as-usual," because we have come to forget, now that things are "better;" our memories of when they were worse! Most are now against rocking the boat . . . now that some of us think we are in it.

WHERE DID WE GO FROM KING?

The revolutionary times ushered in by MLK have waned and faded and organizations other than the black church have taken over to carry on the unfinished struggle for black liberation . . . to rescue man as the image of God, to restore the integrity of the faith by keeping the Dream.

What happened to the times of King . . . where did the heart of the present generation go? Many became quite satisfied with what MLK had helped to wrest from America . . . the struggle was over . . . the processes which MLK set in motion would somehow continue on their own momentum. The black church modified its perspectives and changed its pace. The veneer of desegregation advanced the individual progress of many blacks and small, highly visible black middle class emerged from King's dream. But, unfortunately, the major thrust of the post 60s-era black middle class, has been to distance itself from the black masses from which it so recently emerged!

Many blacks who marched with King and cried crocodile tears for him are no longer like he. They are not moving on as "Christian Soldiers"; but, rather, they are "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Our hope is that this generation, like all others, will recognize its destiny and seize it: and, once again, as God planned in the Creation, will return Heart to the lives of Men and Women.

POST KING DREAMING

The heart to recognize the reality of the continuing America dilemma, the Heart to recognize the indivisibility of freedom . . . such as the necessity for us to keep broadened visions so as not to be comfortable about man's inhumanity to man in South Africa, the Middle East, and numerous parts of the world. Let Heart, MLK's heart reign in us anew, especially those of us committed **not** to despair in these times because we know that freedom and justice do not flow like rivers . . . nor righteousness like mighty streams. Since the heart of MLK reigns in us, we are safe in knowing that the moral arm of the universe is long and it bends towards justice. And . . . we are firm in our faith that God's Darkness, His Moon, His Sun, and His Rain, will never pass away — but Men and Women **might** — unless we, the Keepers of Dr. King's dream, resolve, in each generation, to commune with God, by continuing to be a simple fellowship of dreamers/believers.

†***This article was adapted from a speech delivered on the occasion of the first national observation of Dr. Martin Luther King's birth at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., January 20, 1986.***

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Tribute to Dr. King Continued

Martin Luther King Jr., The Black Church And The Spirit Of The Zeitgeist

**By Rev. John Mendez,
Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church,
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and 2nd Vice President of the
General Baptist State Convention
of N.C., Inc.**

I believe it was Karl Jaspers, an existentialist thinker, who coined the phrase, "Life is a mystery to be lived and not a problem to be solved." Among the many mysteries of life is the incomprehensible way leaders (men and women) emerge from time to time as different drummers on the stage of history, defying the laws of conformity. The German philosopher, George Wilhelm Fredrich Hegel described this phenomenon as the movement of the Zeitgeist, a "Cunning of Reason," God in the pursuit of self-consciousness and freedom by using the passions of individuals to achieve its goals even though these individuals did not have a full consciousness of the implications of their activities. Hegel in his **Philosophy Of History** explains it thus,

> Such individuals had no consciousness of the general idea they were unfolding, while prosecuting those aims of theirs; on the contrary, they were practical, political men. But at the same time they were thinking men, who had an insight into the requirements of the time — what was ripe for development.

In the Old Testament, this same concept is depicted as God "raising up" a prophet, a judge, a deliverer, a priest or a shepherd. These were persons "tracked down by the spirit of the times" (Zeitgeist).

Likewise, the spirit of the age was at work in Montgomery, Alabama in 1956, moving in a Black woman, Rosa Parks, other leaders and giving rise to a Black leader and Baptist preacher, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Even though Dr. King never used the term, Zeitgeist in any of his writings per se, he did however indicate that he often believed that the Zeitgeist had been tracking him down all along, since he had come South in the same year as the Brown Decision, and at a time when new Black men and Black women were emerging. Dr. King became the voice and symbol of the non-violent resistance movement for social change and reconstruction. He became a historical figure identified with the truth of his age. After delivering his farewell sermon to the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery in 1959, Dr. King stated, "I can't stop now. History has thrust something upon me which I cannot turn away." Though he had not sought leadership, he had come to realize that he himself was in the grip of the Zeitgeist. In his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Dr. King reaffirmed his faith in a providential Spirit Who controls the history of the struggle for freedom. He declared that there was "something within" that reminded Black people in America of their birthright of freedom, and "something without" reminded them that it could be done. In Hegelian terms, Dr. King said in an interview with "Playboy Magazine" that, "Consciously or unconsciously, the American Negro has been caught up by the Black Zeitgeist. He feels a deepening sense of identification with his Black African brothers, and with his brown and yellow brothers of Asia, South America and the Caribbean. With them he is moving with a sense of increasing urgency toward the promised land of racial justice." Undoubtedly, Dr. King believed that Black people had become the instruments of a great idea, a privilege that history gives only occasionally.

Essential to understanding the movement of the Zeitgeist in Montgomery, in Rosa Parks, among various leaders, the Black masses and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is to also understand the importance of the Black Church in that movement. William D. Watley eloquently stressed the point in his book, **ROOTS OF RESISTANCE.** He said, "Throughout the brief span of his life and ministry Martin Luther King Jr. remained the product of the Black religious experience. There is no understanding of Martin Luther King Jr. without an understanding of Black religion." In Montgomery Dr. King realized that the Black Church could be "a great transforming power if it will be true to its mission." Dr. King therefore, revolutionized the role of the ministry, the Black preacher as a civil and human rights advocate and leader. The Black Church has been the social and political base for the civil rights movement Dr. King led. Whatever else Dr. King was, philosopher, organizer and scholar, he was first and foremost a Black preacher and pastor. The entire nation he considered to be his parish where he carried the good news of freedom and dignity.

It is important that we see the Zeitgeist's movement in the midst of the Black Church because whenever most writers and interpreters of Dr. King write about his intellectual development, they omit the influence the Black Church had upon the philosophical and theological development of Dr. King's perspective. For instance, most writers in referring to Dr. King's perspective attribute his thinking to the influences of Henry David Thoreau, Walter Raushenbusch, Mahatma Gandhi, L. Harold DeWolf, Rheinhold Niebuhr, George Davis, G.W.F. Hegel, Edgar S. Brightman, Paul Tillich and Nelson Wieman and others whom he studied at Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University. It was these influences no doubt that the influence of western thought provided the intellectual structure for Dr. King to express his ideas about love, non-violence, the value of human personality and the existence of a moral order in the universe. However, proceeding along these lines only to try to understand Dr. King's thinking is at best narrow and incomplete because it seeks to confine his theological thought to white western theology and philosophy while denying the influence the Black Church had upon his thinking and living. It is important to acknowledge the influence his seminary and university professors had upon his intellectual pilgrimage, but as James Cone points out, "The influence of the Black Church was much more decisive in the shaping of his theological perspective."

Dr. King seldom referred to the Black Church as a major influence upon his thinking because he never had to defend his perspective to Black people. It was usually from the white community he was asked to justify a certain belief or action. On this point James Cone comments, References to the intellectual tradition of western philosophy and theology were primarily for the benefit of the white public so that King could demonstrate to them that he could think as well or better than any other seminary or university graduate. Furthermore, King knew that he could not receive substantial support from the white community until he explained to their satisfaction what he believed and why. If he had appealed directly to the Black Church tradition as the primary source of his theological and political perspective, no one in the white community would have taken him seriously, since the Black Church is usually not thought of as being the origin of intellectual ideas regarding theology or social change.

Hence, even though Dr. King did not refer to the Black Church as the chief source of this theological perspective does not mean that, in fact, it is not the chief source.

There were several different circumstances within the Black Church tradition that left its major influence upon Dr. King's perspective and movement. First, the oppression, dehumanization and exploitation of Black people on the one hand, and the message of liberation in the Black Church on the other impacted Dr. King's thinking. These two influences challenged him to intellectually develop a theological perspective that was both "Christian and relevant for the social and political needs of Black people." Dr. King had an opportunity to become a seminary or university professor, instead Dr. King accepted the call to pastor the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery. He was committed to the Black Church which gave him his message of liberation.

Second, the civil rights movement and its affiliate organizations grew out of the context of the Black Church. It was primarily the Black Church and Black preachers who supported the civil rights movements. To keep his identity tied to the Black Church he continued to serve as the Associate Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Through the Black Church Dr. King maintained his commitment to the Black community.

Third, in moments of severe crisis when everything seemed hopeless and failure seemed inevitable, Dr. King did not turn to Tillich, Wieman, Gandhi, Hegel, Plato or Thoreau. Dr. King turned to the faith and traditions he experienced in the Black Church. Dr. Cone further reiterates this point when he says, "With the resources of his religious tradition, he had a foundation that could sustain him in his struggle for freedom and justice." After all, his people had gone through 350 years of struggle despite many disappointments and apparent defeats. The Black Church always encourages its members "to keep on keeping on" even when the odds are against you.



Reverend Mendez

Four, the hope of freedom Dr. King possessed and preached to millions of oppressed people was not derived from white theologians and philosophers, but from the Black religious traditions of the Black Christian community of the 18th and 19th centuries. James Cone adds, "These words of faith and hope were derived from the Black tradition as defined by our pain and suffering. People who have not lived in the context of hundreds of years of suffering and slavery are not likely to express the eschatological hope of freedom." Yet, almost all of Dr. King's sermons contained some elements of this hope for freedom and overcoming in this world. When freedom seemed difficult to achieve in this world, Dr. King did not despair but moved its meaning to an eschatological realm as defined by the Black Church's claim, "The Lord will make a way somehow." The night before he was assassinated, Dr. King restated this hope with new passion and certainty because he knew the forward progress of history would yet carry mankind to the promise land. As he approached the platform he declared, "I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. Like anybody I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over and seen the promised land. And I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promise land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." Like Socrates, Jesus and others before him, he too had come to grips with the Zeitgeist. He thanked God for being used by a powerful idea whose time had come. He found consolation in knowing that even death could not turn the tide of history. The Spirit had come of age.

BAPTIST OBJECTIVES

State Missions

Dr. Williams And Presidents Announce Sunday School And Training Union Congress

To: All Pastors, Presidents of the Sunday School Conventions, Presidents of Baptist Training Unions, Superintendents, and other officials of all the churches in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

From: Hazel McLean, President of the State Sunday School Convention
and
Inease Wicker, President of the State Baptist Training Union Congress
Greetings:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." Psalms 136:1.

We are thankful that God has allowed us to approach another One Day Session of our State Sunday School Convention and our State Baptist Training Union Congress. Please start **now** making plans to attend. We are looking for you.

We will meet at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, N.C., Feb. 8, 1987, at 8:30 a.m.

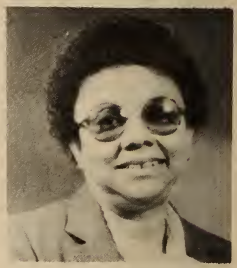
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President Wicker
BTU Congress



Dr. Leo Williams Jr.



President McLean
S.S. Congress

We are also having a session for our Youth Department. Please bring all of your young people.

Subjects for our Oratorical Contest, and other helpful information, will be given out.

We are asking every church, convention and union to meet your quota of $140.00. This may be paid in our One Day Session, or $70.00 now and $70.00 in our Annual Session. We have been called on to do more for our **Unified Plan** and more for our Oratorical Contest Participants. Please contribute with a spirit of love, cooperation and generosity.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you.

President Griffin Announces The 34th Annual Ushers One Day Session

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am honored to announce the 34th Annual One Day Session of the Ushers Convention Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The Session will convene February 21, 1987, 8:30 a.m., at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, North Carolina.

I am asking that each church send messengers to this Session. Mrs. Nancy High, State Usher Coordinator, and our Program Committee have planned an outstanding One Day Session. Please charter buses from your areas, it is important that we have full Convention participation.

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State Missions

Laymen League News

By Charles C. Alston, president

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Study Commission, Laymen League, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held its regular quarterly meeting at the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Deacon George Turner, host and First Vice President, presided. Fifty laymen and two ministers attended the session.

President Charles C. Alston used the occasion to involve the assembly in collectively answering three questions: Where are we? Where do we propose to go? How do we get from where we are to where it is we desire to go? The process required of each participant to complete a 10 item self-inventory of how he would use his God-given talents in 1987 to promote kingdom building through the Laymen League Auxiliary. Partial results follow: eighty-four pledges for 1987 ticket sales for banquet were received; sixty pledges for sponsorship of boys to August 1987 Youth Retreat were received; seventy-five pledges to recruit lay talent in 1987 were received. All of the vice-presidents committed themselves to assisting the president minimally double all efforts over the previous year.

The Rev. James Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, gave inspirational remarks and suggestions for improvements in lay efforts in 1987



Dr. Charles C. Alston

that were well received and appreciated.

Simultaneous with the Study Commission Meeting in Jacksonville, North Carolina, was a "Work-In" staged by the Laymen of Martin Street Baptist Church of Raleigh under the leadership of Bro. Everette Miles, president. Some 25 men cut and distributed wood to needy Wake County families.

Laymen and ministers statewide are urged to please submit to Baptist Headquarters names and addresses of local president or contact persons of local leagues on or before January 25, 1987, for inclusion of the statewide directory.

Officers of the Laymen Leagues for 1987 are as follows: Charles C. Alston, President; George Turner, 1st Vice President; Howard Graham, 2nd Vice President; Ernest Dansby, 3rd Vice President; Jarvis Morgan, 4th Vice President; Isaac Coley, Financial Secretary; and James L. Pearce, Director of Publicity.

General Board Meets

Raleigh — The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. met December 16-17, 1986, at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the GBSC presided during the session. The General Board elected a new Executive Committee and set in motion the new administration of Dr. Humphrey.

The Board meeting was highlighted by reports of Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, GBSC. Dr. Craig reported that the recent Annual Session in Asheville was a success. He also updated the Board on the "work" of the Convention and its auxiliaries.

Dr. P.A. Brodie, and Dr. Luella Edwards reported on the work of the Woman's Convention. They were very excited about the upcoming year. They announced their Mid-Year Session and other activities.

Dr. Leo Williams and Rev. Archie D. Logan Jr. reported on the Department of Christian Education and **Baptist Informer** respectively.

Mr. Curtis Jackson shared with the Board the progress of our Health and Human Services Program. The Program has been well received across the state.

Dr. L.A. Lynch, pastor, White Rock Baptist Church Durham presented the new Convention Budget, his report was reviewed and received.

During the closing General Board Session the Board voted to accept the Auditor's Report. The official audit report was given without qualification. The auditor indicated that the Convention had made substantial progress in reducing its outstanding financial obligations, and in instituting an updated bookkeeping system.

In light of the positive report of the auditor, the General Board cancelled the proposed **Special Adjourned Session.** The session ended with a powerful and inspirational message by Dr. J.D. Ballard, pastor, United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Dr. Mitchell Receives Yelton Award For Service To Seniors

WINSTON-SALEM — The Nathan Yelton Award for Outstanding Service to Older Adults was presented to Dr. H.L. Mitchell of Gatesville during the North Carolina Division of Aging training conference in Winston-Salem recently.

Dr. Mitchell was a friend of Mr. Yelton. He is also a member of the N.C. Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, a charter member of the N.C. Senior Citizens Council and a member of the American Association of Retired People.

Yelton was first assistant secretary for the N.C. Division of Aging from 1976-81 and set the pace for the agency to achieve division status.

The award named in his memory was presented by Joyce Ward, President of the N.C. Association on Aging, awards chairman Hazel Yelton and Yelton's widow, Mrs. Betty Yelton.

Also recognized during the awards ceremony was John T. Denning of Clinton. Denning is national president of the AARP and was nominated for the Yelton Award.



Dr. H.L. Mitchell

Dr. Mitchell also was recently elected first vice-president of the General Baptist State Convention at its meeting in Asheville. He is pastor of Mill Neck Baptist Church of Como, Union Branch Baptist Church of Corapeake and New Hope Baptist Church of Gates.



Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association

By Diatha Harris
Contributing Editor

The Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association held its Annual Fall Session, Nov. 20, 1986, at the H.B. Ferguson Assembly Hall, Flat Rock, N.C.

The 118th Annual Session was declared opened at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. N.M. Avery, Moderator, "In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

General Theme: "Mud Creek On Mission Together," Sub-Theme: "The Mission: Proclamation of the Gospel."

Rev. J. Walter Hill gave the exploration of the theme; which he stated we are debtors to our contemporaries and posterity. The fact of the matter is that we will never be out of debt from the day we are born until the day we die, we owe more than we can pay, no matter how long we live or rich we get.

Acknowledging our debts brings us a strange joy and you see the acceptance of our status as debtors destroy our pride. It brings us to the end of a vain search, and finally we accept the truth that we are loved. We are the ones for whom Christ died. We discover that before we sought him, he sought us.

Rev. O.T. Tomes, Director of Christian Education, presented a Position Paper: "Women's Ordination" which he basically summed up as hermeneutical differences, which may be divided into two categories, general and biblical.

Baptist can be characterized by one of the two approaches. Baptist tend to focus upon Biblical statements or specific scriptural cases if they are against ordination for women. Those in favor of ordination tend to look for the general principles they find inherent in the flow of Scripture.

The Session ended with Rev. George Davis bringing the Thanksgiving Message.

Dr. J.W. Barnes Honored

First Baptist Gives Retiring Pastor Banquet

The First Baptist Church of Roxboro gave its retiring pastor, Dr. J.W. Barnes, an appreciation banquet on Friday, Dec. 5, at the Southern Junior High School.

Dr. Barnes has served the church for ten and one half years. Within his tenure, more than 50 members were added to the church, two ministers and five deacons were ordained. Several auxiliaries were organized as well as two choirs. Under his leadership and guidance a new edifice was built upon the old Pearson County High School campus, with an auditorium that seats about 350, nine classrooms, library, study, secretarial office, fellowship hall and a modern kitchen.

While pastoring this church, Dr. Barnes served several times as chaplain of the Person County Memorial Hospital, also as Moderator of the Minister's and Deacon's Union of the Cedar Grove Association.

Among his reasons for leaving the church is the distance he had to drive under, many times, inclement weather, both day and night. Age was another great factor in his decision.

Many celebrities appeared at this banquet. Among these were: the mayor of Roxboro, several members of the city council, board of education, the moderator of Cedar Grove Association, and the President of Union Christian Bible Institute.

The Johnston County Missionary Union

By Lugenia M. Jones,
Reporter

The Missionary Union of the Johnston County District Baptist Association convened with the Galilee Baptist Church, Smithfield, N.C., Rev. W.H. Lucas, pastor.

Theme: "His Word; Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense," Psalm 119:11.

Devotion was led by sisters from White Oak, Selma, New Vester and New Hope. The devotion was opened by singing, "Down at the Cross." Scripture was taken from 100th Psalm. Sister Katie Kelly led in prayer. Many sisters gave inspiring testimonies.

The Business Session was opened by singing, "Kneel at the Cross" followed by remarks and prayer led by Sister Salomi McClam, First Vice President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Echoes from the Field Seniors, Juniors and Young Adults were given.

Sister Clydie Hill presented the speaker for the day, namely, Sister Clara Ballentine, President of the Johnston County District Missionary Union.

The President's message came to us from our theme: The Word, Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense.

The president was at her best and caused the entire body of baptized believers to rejoice. Some of her thoughts were:

I. The Word — speak words of faith, words that we want to come to pass. Depend on God and tell him what you want.

II. Our Way — when God gives us a command, we must do what he tells us to do, and if we obey his command we will succeed.

III. Our Strength — support and security is in God **not man.** Be still and know that I am God. Never forget to give God the praise. He is worthy to be praised.

IV. Our Defense — God will rescue you when you need him. A good example is Daniel, placed in the Lion's Den. God stepped in and locked the Lion's jaws. God will speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. He will come to you when troubles arise. He will protect you when everything seems to go wrong. Just trust him and tell him your needs.

The meeting was largely attended and everyone seemed filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our next meeting will be held with the Halifax Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., Rev. Vincent Terry, pastor.

Prince Hall Lodge Announces Annual Scholarships, Honors

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina held its 116th Annual Communication recently at the Greensboro Sheraton.

The list of scholarships and charity donations were announced at the Fellowship and Recognition Banquet. Twenty $1,000 scholarship donations to worthy students were given, with five each given in honor of four citizens who contributed exceptionally to the principles of the Prince Hall in the four areas. Honorees and the area they were recognized in are:

Books: Dr. W.T. Gibbs Sr., president emeritus of N.C. A&T State University; ballots: Justice Henry E. Frye, associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court; bucks: J. Kenneth Lee, an attorney and chairman and chief executive officer with American Federal Savings and Loan Association; and brotherhood: Dr. Otis Hairston, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

1986 — MGBA — Elect A New Slate Of Officers

By Dr. William Lee Jr.

The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association of Charlotte, N.C. held its 65th Annual Session October 4-12, 1986 at the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., where Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr., served as host pastor.

The Association elected a full slate of new officers to serve for the next four years. While a number of officers had served for many years it was by Constitution change made four years ago that required all officers who had served four years to be replaced by new officers. New officers were elected in the parent body: The Woman's Auxiliary, The Senior Citizen's Department, The Young Adults, The Youth Department, Sunday School Congress, Usher Auxiliary, and Laymen League.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, pastor of First Baptist Church — West of Charlotte, N.C. served the Association with unselfish dedication for the last 15 years as moderator. He too had to be replaced, because of Constitution change. However he stated at the opening session that he was stepping down from being moderator of the Association to step-up to being the president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The statement became a reality when he was elected state president in Asheville, N.C. on October 29. The Association made him moderator emeritus.

Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr., pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C., and former recording secretary of the State Convention was elected the new moderator of the Association. Rev. L.J. Wallace, first vice moderator; Rev. R.H. Leak, second vice moderator; Rev. Fred Gibson, third vice moderator; Dr. William Lee Jr., executive secretary-treasurer; Ms. Percie M. Norman, secretary of the executive board; Rev. Terry Wallace, assistant recording; Rev. Fred A. Griffin, auditor; and Rev. M.N. Kelty, statistician.

Dr. Jones, the newly-elected moderator, pledged to lead the Association to higher heights and to support the General Baptist State Convention in an even greater manner than in the past.

THEME:

"His Word: Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense"

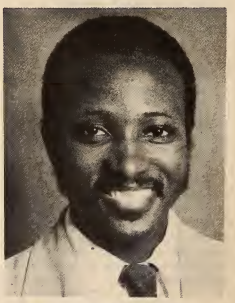
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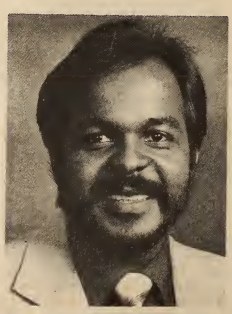
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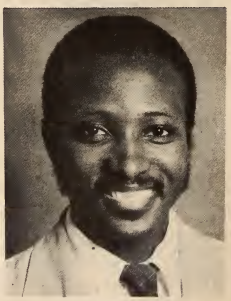
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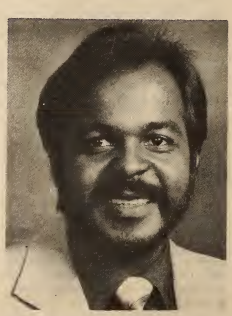
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Easter

By Dr. David Forbes, Sr.
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TEXTS:
And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strowed them in the way.

And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: (Mark 11:7-9).

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (John 19:30)

INTRODUCTION:
As the high day of Easter approaches all of the faithful search for the deeper meaning of the Christ events more than 1900 years ago. Each year the Session of Lent reintroduces us to the Christ in History, the wonder of His person, the power and divinity of His presence, the providential point of His' mission among humankind, and the painful and pitiful spectacle of His passion.

Two chapters in the ministry of Jesus, His triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His shameful dying on a hill, evoke from even the casual witness to these events a word, a conversation with heaven. Who among us can stand numbered among the witnesses on Jerusalem's Boulevard and refrain from the choruses of Hossana. Indeed, His entry as validated prophet, priest and King demands our **Hallelujah!** What manner of Christian or even casual witness to His passion can see Him hanging high and wide among thieves and hear Him, in resignation say, "it is finished," without feeling almost involuntary auditory retort, **Lord, have mercy!**

It is the justaposition of these two powerful responses of Christ that is the major focus of this seasonal sermon. For who among us does not bear witness to the Lordship of Christ and in his/her own way celebrate the Palm Sundays of our journey in adoration and praise of the Lamb of God — **Hallelujah.** Something within us surges forth in love and response when we see and know Him as Lord of our lives and Lord of all. And yet, the theme of our Jesus experience shifts from Jerusalem to Golgotha — His humility, His love, His humiliation, His scorn, His Humanity, His divinity. . .His dying — for a thankless world, for you, for me. Up rushes a word from deep within. . .**Lord, have mercy!**

A. Hallelujah

1. Our Lord deserves Honor and Praise.

2. Praise is an appropriate response of gratitude.

3. Praise should be a daily response.

4. We all have Hallelujah times in our lives (special days in our lives, goals achieved, spiritual highs, gifts from God — give God Praise).

5. Hallelujahs please God.

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary



Dr. C.C. Craig

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions and Unions:

Many thanks to you for your dedicated support and cooperation in helping the Convention to move forward in a progressive way in an attempt to realize its goals and objectives.

We are more than half way in our Fiscal Year of 1986-87. Therefore, we are urging each pastor to put forth a special effort to lead his church to give its suggested quota. We sent letters to all of the pastors asking them to send to our office one-fourth of their suggested quota within 15 days, report one-fourth of their quota at the One Day Session, May 5-6, 1987, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, and report the balance on or before August 31, 1987. A favorable response to these suggestions will enable the Convention to realize its financial goal.

One Day Session

Big plans are in the making for a mountain top experience at our One Day Session, May 5-6, 1987, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor.

The activities will include among other things: the Moderator's Workshop, the Pastor's Workshop on the "Biblical Views of Church Administration," reports from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the General Board, and the projections from the President, Dr. J.B. Humphrey.

Dr. Henry Lyons, pastor of the Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, Peterburg, Florida, and the Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. will conduct the Pastor's Workshop on Tuesday afternoon and preach the sermon on Tuesday evening. Dr. Lyons is a great preacher and teacher. We encourage all pastors to be present in order to benefit from the workshop on the "Biblical Views of Church Administration," preaching, inspiration and the rich fellowship of the brethren.

I urge you in the name of Him who is responsible for our very being, to put forth every effort to report at the One Day Session as much money on your suggested quota as you possibly can. We encourage all of our churches to send monthly contributions to the General Baptist State Convention. Make all checks payable to the General Baptist State Convention, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

Money . . . Jesus Talked About It!

Some people find it surprising that Jesus talked so much about money during His earthly ministry. Here are a few of the many times he taught us about how to relate to and use money and material things.

Jesus Taught Us To Concentrate On Heavenly Treasures

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matt. 6:19-20).

Jesus said that he would be happier in giving than in receiving. This is the way Paul recorded His words:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Jesus commended one woman for a gift of expensive perfume which she had used to anoint Him. Some called her gift extravagant.

"Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me" (Mk. 14:6, NKJV).

Jesus warned that material things could become a major barrier to spiritual life and growth.

"How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" (Mk. 10:23, NKJV).

Jesus declared that we do not live on material things alone, no matter how much wealth we have.

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses" (Lk. 12:15, NKJV).

Jesus pointed out the danger of greed with a double warning.

"Take heed and beware of covetousness" (Lk. 12:15).

Jesus reminded us of our accountability for all God has given us. In the parable of the rich man who built bigger barns to store his abundant harvest, He taught:

"You fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" (Lk. 12:20).

Jesus instructed us to watch our motives for giving.

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men . . . I say to you, they have their reward" (Matt. 6:1,2, NKJV).

Jesus told a story about people helping others with gifts. The Samaritan who found the man that had been beaten by robbers instructed the innkeeper:

"Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you" (Lk. 10:35).

Jesus cautioned against worry over material things, and called us to trust in God to provide our needs.

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body than clothing?" (Matt. 6:25).

Yes, Jesus talked a lot about money and wealth. He knew its potential depended on our attitude toward it and our use of it.

We need the spirit of Christ in our understanding and use of money. Without it, wealth can become a terrible master. With Christ's spirit, personal needs can be met and our opportunities to minister to others can be increased.

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In Memoriam

By Dr. C.C. Craig



THE REVEREND DOCTOR ASA LEE BELL, SR.
1930-1987

On the 30th of March, 1987, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call a faithful warrior home. One of our most respected and beloved Pastors, Moderators, and Board Member was called from labor to rest. He was the pastor of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, where he served for 24 years. He was Moderator of Zion Baptist Association for 21 years. He was president of Bell's Enterprises in Wadesboro.

Dr. Bell was born in Martin County. He received his early education there. He received his AB, BD, Masters and Doctorate of Divinity Degrees from Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Melvin R. Bell, one son. Asa Bell Jr., two daughters, Norvita Bell and Florita Bell Griffin and many other relatives and friends.

"Another soldier gone, To get a great reward; He fought the fight, he kept the faith And now has gone home to God."

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Dr. David Forbes Sr.
Guest Editor

"As Easter Dawns"

Ours is an age which begs for solutions. Everywhere in our world problems and seeming dilemmas abound. Whether in international affairs, domestic policy, public confidence, personal affairs, church matters or denominational issues, easy solutions allude us. Seldom in contemporary times have we had more in common — common alienation, common unease, common fears, common emptiness, common preoccupations and common need for delivery.

It is remarkable how easy it is to lament our common oppression and yet avoid application of our common faith in Christ Jesus to our situation. How easy it is to preach, pay and pray on the Sundays of our lives and to move compartmentally toward "real world" living devoid of our common understanding of Christ. Such dichotomy serves to further burden and alienate even the best of us.

Suppose, however, we learn to apply our faith understanding to our daily lives and living? Did not the Christ proclaim that "I have come that ye may have life more abundantly?" (John 10:10) And what better season to usher in such applied understanding than this Easter? In a world in which we are all groping and searching we would do well to apply our Christian understanding in our every undertaking. What does Easter say to our age — to us? Are there hints to glean from the resurrection event which inform us in the "real world?" My soul says yes! To the believer and trusting Christian, the empty tomb, as spectacular as it is, does more than provoke awe; it provides answers and promises triumph in this world and the next.

EASTER SPEAKS TO US AS PERSONS. The primary message of Easter is beamed to the individual. The cross event is particularly relevant to the lost — you and me. It was for me he died. It was critical that he arise for you. Salvation and eternal life for you and for me flow from the fountain. Thus understood and fully applied to our lives we can say, problems and lamentations, notwithstanding, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Ph 4:13) So armed, our attitudes, dispositions and outlook are forever rendered changed. We are ready for the journey — in this world and the next. Thank God for Easter.

EASTER SPEAKS TO OUR FAMILIES. Despite many evidences of slippage and decline in healthy traditional life, Easter calls us to return to God centered life. Sure, things are not like they were in family life but the risen Savior is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever. Yes, we have changed but the risen one is unchanging. A recent research study revealed that among black youth there is a high correlation between those churched and academic success. My clinical and pastoral experience bears out that families who attempt to follow our risen Lord cope better and know greater joy. To be sure, disciplined family life requires effort. But our risen Lord has laid a way. Easter is a prime time for evaluating our families and applying our cross understanding thereto. With Christ at center of our homes, husband/wife relations, child rearing, economic security and goal attainment take on new dimensions. Easter is an appeal for families who wish to petition for guaranteed success and passage through this wilderness below.

EASTER SPEAKS TO OUR CONGREGATIONS. As the risen Christ speaks through eternity, the listening Baptist congregation envisages new and fresh ways of being. So powerful is the congregation which dares to see itself as the resurrected, empowered body of Christ. New awareness, new commitment, new methods, new modes, new ministries, and new joy abounds. As we catch the vision of calvary, the cross and the Christ and dare to attempt great things for Him who died for us, the congregation is slain as He was slain; buried as He was buried; resurrected as He was resurrected and empowered as He has promised. The regenerated congregation does not become fixated at the marvel of Easter events but rather rushes toward Christ commissioned ministry with resultant faith, joy, unity, mission, ministry, faithfulness, surrender, stewardship, fellowship and love. Oh to God that Easter would come to every church of our convention this year. And it will if we are open. The all powerful risen Christ promised it!

EASTER SPEAKS TO OUR CONVENTION. Even the season in which we celebrate Easter is consistent with new beginnings and fresh starts. And no entity could more profitably use the power and promise which Easter affords than our dear ole convention. Our convention viewed as a new testament cooperative and empowered by the resurrection motif becomes a candidate for new levels of spiritual identity and power to "go into all the world" bearing the "good news" that "He lives." Thus transfigured, we are spurred to a unity which is unbelievable; a vision enhanced by communion with His spirit; a will to attempt great things for Him who died for us. A post-Easter convention comprised of resurrected churches and quickened pastor-preachers will experience unparalleled power, prowess and programs. A resurrected convention will bury old complacency, petty personality feuds, pious pittance and old doubts. As by-products of an Easter revolution we would easily resurrect dramatically increased support of objectives — State Mission, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Church Development, Evangelism. Imagine the joy, support, enthusiasm and endless possibilities when we adopt Easter attitudes and determination year-round!

EASTER SPEAKS TO OUR WORLD. "God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17) Easter, then, is a gift to all the world; not just for America. The resurrected Savior bids all nations — all people — to choose life in all of its abundance. Whether in Ireland where English fight Irish and Protestants war with Catholics; in Afghanistan where Soviet oppressors abound; in Ethiopia where gulfs separate the privileged and castes and hunger acts as grim reaper; in Nicaragua which stews in civil strife; in South Africa where sin is spelled Apartheid, Jesus speaks in forgiving tones through eternity. "And if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men (and nations) unto me."

GOOD NEWS! Easter, then, is more than the rehearsal of an old drama — more than rereading of the old old story. Easter is even more than the joy of the women at the empty tomb or the triumph we experience at the singing of the Easter anthem or power of Easter Preachment.

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



"Victory In Jesus"

During the month of April we celebrate the RESURRECTION of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank God for Easter, it is the time of year that Christians renew their strength through redemption. It was early Easter Sunday morning that Christ got up out of the grave proclaiming "all power was His." I can hear Him today, so clearly, asking the questions: "O Death Where is your Sting, O Grave Where is Your Victory?"

Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. It is the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after March 21 or if the full moon occurs on a Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday.

We follow the events of the first Easter each year. Follow me to Calvary and the Resurrection.

1. Arrival in Jerusalem (Sunday)

A few days before the feast of Passover, Jesus entered Jerusalem to the acclamation of the crowds: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13).

2. Cleansing of the Temple (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

According to the first 3 Gospels, Jesus drove out all those who were conducting business in the Temple. "My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matt. 21:13). In the following days, He continued to teach in the Temple.

3. The Last Supper (Thursday)

In the evening, Jesus shared a final meal with His 12 disciples. He blessed bread and wine and gave it to them, telling them that it was His body and blood: "Take; this is my body . . . This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the many" (Mark 14:22-24). He also commanded them to love one another.

4. Agony in the Garden (Thursday)

After the Last Supper, they all went out to the garden on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. While the disciples slept, Jesus prayed: "Let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

5. Arrest (Thursday)

Betrayed by Judas, Jesus was arrested and taken to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. He was tried, condemned and sentenced to death.

The Crucifixion (Friday)

Soldiers scourged and mocked Jesus, crowned Him with thorns and led Him away to Calvary (Golgotha). There He was crucified between 2 thieves. Dying, Jesus said this of the soldiers: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The precious blood of Jesus was shed for us.

After Jesus died, He was buried in a tomb. A large stone sealed the door.

THE RESURRECTION
THE VICTORY

6. Early Sunday Morning, according to Mark, 3 women came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. To their amazement, they found the stone rolled back. In the tomb was an angel, who announced that Jesus had risen.

7. Jesus Appeared to the Apostles and many others in the days that followed. He authorized them to spread the Gospel and promised the coming of the Holy Spirit and His own continued presence.

8. Ascension. After 40 days, Jesus ascended into heaven, ending His ministry on earth and beginning His rule in heaven.

9. Formation of the Church. Following Christ's command, the Apostles spread His teachings and the story of His death and Resurrection. Christian communities bound together by faith in the Resurrection were being established.

Today we continue to preach and teach the Gospel of Christ. I encourage you all to tell the Easter story — if Christ be not raised our ministry, our work, our faith is in vain. On Sunday, April 19, 1987, let us once again proclaim "HE LIVES."

As General Baptists let us all share in this glorious Christian celebration and thank God for our "Victory in Jesus." God bless you all.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

Easter: "O Victory In Jesus"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Here we are again celebrators of the Easter Season, one to which Christians are sensitive. Easter is the old, old story of how Jesus came from above to give His life on Calvary to save a lost world and to arise from the grave in victory over death. Such an old, old and victorious story gives us direction, determination, peace, joy, inspiration and renewed commitment. This season should remind us of God's greatest gift to the world and revitalize our desire to share with others through Foreign Missions **$40,000.00**, the Central Children's Home **$31,000.00**, Shaw University **$44,000.00**, The Shaw Divinity School **$30,000.00**, State Missions **$313,000.00**, and the Baptist Assembly **$15,000.00** in round numbers.

Perhaps the familiar song, "Victory in Jesus," summarizes this flavor of Easter.

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me:
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the Victory.

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came
And brought to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of Gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing
And the Old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory.

CHORUS:
O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere
I knew Him, and all my love is due Him —
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood.

Reminders

1. **State-Wide Leaders' Workshop.** This Workshop was held on Saturday, April 4, at the Raleigh Civic Center. The meeting was a great success.

2. **Missions Prayer Day Materials.** Missions Prayer Day is observed annually on the fourth Saturday in June. The date this year is June 27, 1987. This day usually is observed by County Unions of the Woman's Convention. Presidents or their representatives may pick up the free materials during the April Workshop or write to the office now for them. Where county unions do not participate or are not available church circles who desire to share in this day of prayer may secure materials at the Workshop or from the office upon request.

3. **Ministers' Wives Retreat.** This retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 1987, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The retreat will begin at 9 a.m. Preregistration fee for those who come on Saturday is $15. For those who come on Friday and spend the night, the preregistration fee is $22. Prospective participants may secure application forms at the April Workshop or from the office of the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. Persons who come on Friday need to bring their bed linen and toiletries.

4. **Leadership Training Conference.** On June 1-5, 1987, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, will be this conference. Those who desire to attend should pick up an application during the April Workshop or secure one from the office of the Woman's Convention. The conference fee is $60. Please return the fee or deposit with the application by May 14, 1987.

5. **Young Adult Retreat.** June 6, 1987, is the date for this retreat at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The fee is $20 for a couple (husband & wife) and $12.50 for others. Please secure an application during the Workshop or from the office and return by May 14, 1987.

6. **Youth Bible Camp.** The first week of Camp is to be June 14-19. Please be aware of the change of dates for the first week. The fee for day campers is $36 and for the regular campers $65. Campers are received on the first come first served basis. The deposit or fee must be sent along with the health blank, registration blank, and parent statement sheet.

Happy Easter to all of you!

Send A Mother's Day Card To Congress!

This Mother's Day, May 10, Bread for the World is asking that Christians send Mother's Day cards to their members of Congress which lift up the needs of poor mothers in our nation who cannot afford adequate food and health care for their children. These cards will request that Congress increase funding for the highly effective Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, also known as WIC.

Twenty percent of our nation's children live in poverty. Our infant mortality rate is among the highest in the industrialized world. WIC is of great importance because it reaches the unborn and young children with nutritional foods during the most critical period of their development — during the fetal period and the first five years of life. Unfortunately, the WIC program presently serves less than half of the 8.4 million mothers and babies who are eligible and in need of WIC benefits.

Bread for the World encourages Christians to take part in this creative campaign to let Congress know that we have a moral obligation to give our nation's children a healthy start in life. Simply make or purchase a Mother's Day card and write a message, like "This Mother's Day, please remember low-income mothers who can not afford nutritious foods for their young children. Support the 'Food for Life' legislation which would increase funding for WIC." Send it to your Senator at the U.S. Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, or to your Representative at the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515.

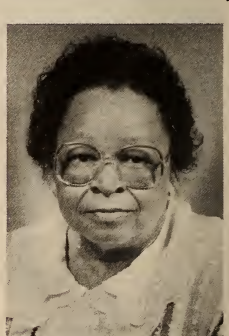
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Woman Of The Year

By Diatha Harris
Regional Editor



Mrs. Hazel Turner

Mrs. Hazel M. Turner was recently honored by the Chambers of Echoes as Woman of the Year.

This high honor was bestowed upon her because she has dedicated her life to serving God and mankind.

She is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Virginia State College and Western Carolina University.

Mrs. Turner is a member of Hill Street Baptist Church, Dr. N.M. Avery, pastor. Her hard work and dedication to better human endeavors has led her into such areas as a dietitian, elementary, junior high and adult education teacher, reading instructor at Mars Hill College, director and co-writer of the Nutritional Education Project for the Asheville City Schools, project writer for Asheville City Schools, instructor for the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association Sunday School and BTU Congress, a member of the Christian Education Committee of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association and serves as a resource person for the various churches and community.

In 1983 she was listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, won the Toastermaster's North Carolina Humorous Speech Contest Award, and in 1984 received the North Carolina Zeta of the Year Award and Asheville's Zeta Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Turner presently serves in the position of Chapter I Director for the Asheville City Schools, Asheville, N.C. in which she writes and directs federal projects. As well as being Health Coordinator and Social Studies Coordinator, including coordinating the school system's Black History Activities.

Mrs. Hazel M. Turner indeed deserves this award and more for the hard work and trying hours she has devoted to these causes and in many instances were not appreciated.

FOR PREACHERS & PASTORS



Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month

"Jesus Lives An Easter Sermon"



By Dr. H.L. Mitchell

"Because I live, ye shall live also." St. John 14:19

Scriptures: Isaiah 53:9-12
St. Mark 16:1-16
"Because I live, ye shall live also."
St. John 14:19

INTRODUCTION: The fact of the resurrection is that Jesus lives. This fact brings joy to each believer because it brings everlasting hope and assurance. This was a most important fact in the life of the apostles. It was their main source of inspiration, which guided them to the amazing Christian work that followed Easter. But not only to the apostles, this fact is what really matters to us today. Regardless to the circumstances, the fact that Jesus lives overshadows everything else. This is what motivates us in all phases of our lives. It is the living Saviour who guides us, who gives us strength and unites us in spite of our varied occupations and other differences. We are here today because Jesus Lives. We share in our various worship services because "Jesus Lives." We go forth to serve because Jesus lives. Specifically, let us think of where Jesus lives:

1. JESUS LIVES IN THE HOLY WORD. Whenever I turn to one of the Gospels, I notice that the resurrection is recorded in all four of them: Matt. 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23. In each of these Scriptures there is the lesson of deep concern on the part of those who had known Jesus. They went in haste to the tomb — They gathered together in a room when they heard of His resurrection. Jesus breathed on them, spoke peace to them, and commissioned them, as he said to them, "receive ye the Holy Spirit." Yes, this is the living word, because Jesus lives.

2. JESUS LIVES IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE. Don't let anyone tell you that there is no difference between the Christian and non-Christian. There is a great difference. Those who have been saved by accepting Him, can tell you that there is something in their lives that gives joy in sorrow, it gives direction when they are lost; it gives peace where there is confusion. Jesus makes all the difference — He lives in the hearts of the saved.

3. JESUS LIVES IN HIS CHURCH. He said that He would build His church. Jesus built His Church, which is a Christian Fellowship A Christian Family, saved by His blood, organized to worship and serve Him according to His will. When the church is true to her commission she will be an active church, she will be a living church, she will be a witnessing church and she will be a serving church.

4. JESUS LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. It is His living presence that makes this service Holy. As he instituted the supper, He said: "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matt. 26:29. We observe this supper because Jesus Lives.

5. JESUS LIVES IN HEAVEN. This gives us eternal hope. It gives us hope of seeing our loved ones who were saved, and have proceeded us. It gives us hope of seeing our Saviour who paid the price for our sins on the cross. Yes, Jesus lives in heaven, and He is there waiting for us to go there where he went to prepare for us—John 14:1-3. Are you prepared?

CONCLUSION: Finally, let us be reminded of the fact that life goes on because Jesus Lives. On this Easter, Let us resolve to live that abundant life that He came that we might live every day. Let us not let the stones of indifference stand in our way. Let us go forth with a clear witness to the fact that because Jesus lives we can face each circumstance in this life with faith and hope of His living presence. Easter gives us a peace in our hearts that is greater than anything else in this world. Jesus wants all of us to have that peace. He says, "Because I live, ye shall live also." St. John 14:19.

PRAYER: O Lord, our heavenly Father, we praise Thy Name and come before Thee to give thanks for the many blessings that thou hast bestowed upon us. We thank thee above all for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the fact that He lives today. May we seek His presence and live with faith, hope and love as Thou hast taught us. Please accept our prayer, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Historic Founder's Day Celebrated At Shaw Divinity School

By Larkin Rossitter

Shaw Divinity School's Founder's Day was historic. On March 16 the school observed its fifty-fourth anniversary and held a memorial service for Sarah Leonard Turner Tupper, who with her husband, Henry Martin Tupper, co-founded and continued the concern for theological education that eventually produced Shaw Divinity School. It may well be the only theological institution in the United States who honors a woman as a founder. To show their appreciation for her, the board of trusteees mandated, and donors provided funds for a tomb to be placed alongside Henry Martin Tupper's and then dedicated to Sarah Turner Tupper. Her body was absent but her spirit was present as the graveside ceremony inaugurated Founder's Day.

The theme for Founder's Day was "The Shaw Divinity School and Accreditation — Claiming Its Rightful Place in Theological Education" — inspired by last summer's acceptance by The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada into associate membership. Appropriately, the convocation address was delivered by Dr. James H. Costen, President of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Costen exhorted the hearers to make sacrifices for Shaw Divinity School. Support this institution now, he demanded, lest its constituents become victims "running after hearses," crying out about "love" that was never expressed materially.

Several important figures brought Greetings on this occasion of Founder's Day. John Lucas, the Interim President of Shaw University proclaimed that the "two institutions are inseparable." Mayor Avery C. Upchurch said that Raleigh is a great city "because we are trying to address the needs of all the people in our city." Shaw University is the cornerstone of the downtown area, he said. The mayor then promised that someday Estey Hall would be restored and used by the University. David Price, United States Congressional Representative, encouraged those gathered to work for the benefit of the entire community and for the Divinity School's legacy, because, as Paul said "we are given gifts of the spirit for the common good."

The confessional "litany of commemoration" not only proclaimed "A day of special remembrance of Sarah Turner Tupper," but thanked God "that for 54 years Shaw Divinity School has been a liberating light. . . Sending forth men and women of varied color and circumstance who have been true emissaries of light and in whom religion and reason, heart and head, word and work made one music." They "scattered the night of ignorance and impotence; chased the darkness of doubt away; dispelled the gloom of utter despair and set shackled peoples free." And all the people said "Amen!"

Baptist State Convention Sponsors Annual Church Building Conference

Cary — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will have its Annual Church Building Conference, April 28, 1987, at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 6050 Hickory Grove Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, beginning at 8:45 a.m. Interested churches that are planning to build or remodel should contact Dot Rodger at 1-800-222-8478, Extension 227 or 919/467-5100, Extension 227.

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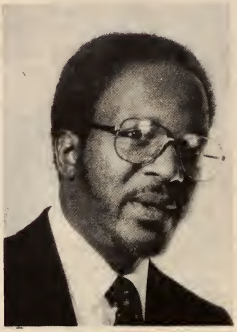
EDITORIALS

Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr., Guest Editor
(Editor's Note: Dr. Forbes is the Publicity Chairman for the GBSC and his committee oversees the "work" of The Baptist Informer).

The Reverend Doctor David C. Forbes, Sr., Minister of the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., is product of Raleigh, N.C. One of eight children, and the son of a Pentecostal Bishop, Doctor Forbes earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Shaw University and Master of Social Work degree from Adelphi University. He completed course work for the Ph.D. degree in sociology from the University of Virginia; and was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, by the Richmond Virginia Seminary in January, 1984.

Reverend Forbes came to the gospel ministry after a career in elementary school teaching, counseling, social program administration, university teaching and consultation. In addition to the ministerial role, he was Assistant Professor (research) and Director of Admissions, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University for some twelve years.

Reverend Forbes was active in the civil rights movement during the 1960's, having served as the North Carolina representative to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He is Treasurer of the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, President of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.; Member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; member of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Board member, ABCOTS, American Baptists of the South; Board, Heart of Carolina Habitat for Humanity; Board, Family Services of Raleigh; member, the Chancellor's Community Advisory Committee, North



Dr. David Forbes, Sr.

Carolina State University; member, the Community Resources Committee of Central Prison, Raleigh; Chairman, the Baptist Informer Committee, General Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

Reverend Forbes has a number of publications to his credit in the areas of the Black Family, the Black Church, Organizational Development, and Human Relations. As lecturer and consultant he has appeared at universities, churches and conventions across the nation. He is in broad demand as evangelist, church development consultant, and keynoter.

Dr. Forbes is married to the former Hazel Baldwin of Lake Waccamaw, N.C. He is the father of three children, a son, Jay, and two daughters, Cheryl and Denise.

Dr. Strassner Extends Greetings To GBSC

Editor's Note: Dr. William R. Strassner served as the sixth President of Shaw University from 1951-1962.

I am pleased to extend greetings to the Baptist Family of North Carolina. As I observe your growth and achievements in the interest of Missions and Christian Education, I recall the days when we worked together in those causes. During my administration at Shaw University you were cooperative, loyal and sacrificial in your support, and together we not only maintained the institution but also succeeded in achieving its full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as reported in the Baptist Informer in the issue dated December, 1961. Shaw University is a venerable institution, and although its light may flicker, it should never be allowed to go out. As a rich heritage from the distant past, it should continue to be a beacon light for Christian Education in North Carolina, and I trust that it may find the way out of the present morass of financial difficulty to a position of economic stability as a viable institution in the mainstream of American education.

It is with satisfaction that I note the continued progress of the Shaw Divinity School in its endeavor to provide the trained leadership which is so necessary in these times of uncertainty and perplexity. We need stronger foundations upon which to stand and clearer ideals by which to live. At a recent meeting of the American Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., I met Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Executive Vice President of the Shaw Divinity School, and I am confident that he, and those who work with him, will achieve the desired goal. It is also gratifying to note that some of the most outstanding ministers in the State of North Carolina graduated from the Divinity School while I was serving as Dean. To all of them I extend greetings and felicitations. My wife, Mrs. Strassner, sends best wishes to the women of the state and especially to those with whom she had personal contact when we were there. Both of us are enjoying reasonably good health and are living comfortably in our own home here in Hampton, Virginia.

Upon leaving Shaw University nearly 25 years ago, I assumed the position of Director of College-Community Relations at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), the strongest predominantly black private college in the country, where I served for a decade in making my contribution to its continued growth and development. Although now retired, I am kept busy speaking, preaching and writing. Currently, I am completing my autobiography which will soon be ready for publication.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may Heaven smile upon you.

William R. Strassner
Former President of
Shaw University

Profile Of The Month

By Mrs. Phyllis Holloway
Secretary Baptist Informer

For the past seven months you have seen articles from Western North Carolina on a regular basis. **The Baptist Informer** would like to thank Mrs. Diatha Ivery Harris, of Asheville, N.C. for serving as our Regional Editor. Mrs. Harris began submitting articles last year on information about the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina which met in Asheville.

Mrs. Harris grew up in Raleigh, N.C. and attended William G. Enloe High Shool. Mrs. Harris is a 1977 graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. with a major in Elementary Education. She has worked in Rhode Island, Georgia and North Carolina. At the present time Mrs. Harris serves as a Math, Language Arts, and Reading Teacher at Hall Fletcher Middle School in Asheville, N.C. She is a member of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. L.C. Ray, Pastor.

Mrs. Harris is active in her church Usher Board, and with the church youth. She is an Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) and President of the Asheville Branch of the Shaw University Alumni Chapter. She is married to Roy R. Harris and they are the parents of two children Stacy age 2, and Lisa age 5 months.



Mrs. Diatha I. Harris
Regional Editor

On behalf of Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. David Forbes, Publicity Committee Chairman; Rev. Archie D. Logan, Jr., Interim Editor: and the entire Headquarters staff we would like to thank Mrs. Diatha Harris for her informative and timely contributions to **The Baptist Informer.**

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

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Ways To Reduce Stress

Compiled by Ms. Barbara Dixon, RN, MSW

1. **Prayer** can be a helpful way to relax by achieving peace of mind. The Bible verse John 14:27 is also helpful.

2. **Setting priorities** helps to promote a sense of control over the many demands on your time.

3. **Delegating tasks** to others — coworkers, family members or friends can help you to conserve your physical and emotional resources.

4. **Humor** has tension-relieving effects according to some specialists in the stress management field.

5. **Hobbies** provide useful diversions. Some hobbies, such as exercise and sports, also release tension.

6. **Proper nutrition and adequate rest** help to maximize energy.

7. **Progressive muscle relaxation** promotes overall relaxation through conscious tensing and relaxing of various parts of the body.

8. **Imagery** involves creating a tranquil scene in the mind, then concentrating on what it feels like to be there.

9. **Meditation**, a brief, structured mental escape from everyday routine, aims to reduce blood pressure and oxygen requirements through calm, restful concentration.

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Editorial

Of Myths And Meanness

By Evelyn Mattern

My job involves listening to public policy makers and to ordinary citizens, many of whom attend churches. Generally, these people I listen to make me happy to be an American, one of those who has enriched the world with great gifts of humor, indoor plumbing, separation of church and state, and other needed ingenuities. Sometimes I am taken aback, however, by the slim but strong current of meanness that also runs through some Americans and their attitudes. Just as I have been accused of being a knee-jerk liberal because I hold there are certain values that must undergird our public as well as private behavior (compassion, for example), I have concluded that there is such a thing as a knee-jerk conservative, that is, one who holds certain other values must undergird our behavior, no matter what.

Perhaps there are more, but I have been able to identify five undergirding values or myths that govern the thinking of the knee-jerk conservative. They are recognizable values to me because in the course of a conversation they are given out as signals that a certain line of reason (or sometimes, unreason) is to follow. When I hear them stated, my spirit fails because I have learned from experience how seemingly impossible it is to get around them, to seek out some common ground for agreement once these myths have been iterated. They are a signal that certain paths in the brain have been so well worn that nothing short of a total conversion experience will allow the person ever to stop treading on even one blade of grass along the way.

The myths are these, and their common denominator is — I believe — meanness of spirit: 1) **We feed the world, and they are ungrateful.** Or a variation: **We feed the world, and they let the food rot on the docks.** Most persons who say this are thinking of or perhaps recalling second-hand the Marshall Plan in which the U.S. dramatically assisted Europe to rebuild itself after World War II. If ever this myth was close to the truth, it was then. The harsh reality today is, however, that although we are a nation comprising 6 percent of the world's population and consuming more than 50 percent of its resources, we do not give much no-strings food or development assistance to the rest of the world.

2. **I believe in work (or the free enterprise system).** A variation on this: **Nobody should get something for nothing.** This myth overlooks that fact that we have all gotten everything for nothing, the earth and its great gifts, this rich country that was stolen or bought for a pittance from its first inhabitants. In our ingratitude for the land we have constructed a free enterprise system for polluting it through industrialism and wasting it through consumerism. We have often worked to use it up by putting its resources of frivolous consumer goods and then littering it with their refuse. People who don't work — and their children — are begrudged even the few hundred dollars a month they might get from welfare benefits that barely feed and clothe and house them. The myth does not acknowledge that most people want to work nor that there should be a guaranteed minimum for survival even for those who would refuse to work: Presumably, the latter should be allowed to starve in our doorways.

3. **I believe in punishment; nobody should commit a crime (or a sin) and get away with it.** This myth overlooks the fact that most human systems for punishment only punish further those who have already been penalized from birth. A walk through our prisons, for example, shows us the poor, the undereducated, the retarded, minorities in disproportionate numbers, those without job skills or experience in holding down a job. Many of these persons were born into families that also were poor, know alcoholism and family violence, histories of poor health, and less access to education than the more affluent families in their towns or neighborhoods. As a religious person, I am most squeamish in the fact of this myth, because I sense that it ultimately resides in a failure to know how we all have sinned in God's eyes but are nonetheless forgiven. Yes, we are forgiven.

4. **It is not the job of government to care for people.** A corollary to this: **let the churches take up the slack.** Usually, adherents to this myth believe the government should be allowed only to defend the country and to build highways. I believe, fondly perhaps, that when you have a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," the government is the people, and the people are the government. Government then needs to be about making sure that all the people are taken care of. If they can take care of themselves without stomping on other people, fine; but let the government make sure there is no stomping out of others.

The churches are the people too, of course, at least some of the people. And so they should take care of others; and some of them do. It is in fact precisely those who get involved with the care of others who see how vast the needs are, and they often end up going for help to government, which has the greatest community resources.

5. **We should help only the truly needy.** This is the myth that I often feel I am going to be able to adhere to along with the knee-jerk conservative. So I hover over it in conversation, wanting to agree, to find some common ground.

6. Myth number six is probably: **The pie is only so big.** I subscribe to that myth. We can't do everything with a finite amount of money, and **we can't just throw money at problems.** We can, however, place it very carefully with those who need it. And we have to learn how to cut the pie differently: larger pieces for the poor even if it means smaller pieces for the rich. Until we do that, none of us will be very safe or happy clutching our myths to our mean, mean breasts.

Sister Evelyn Matter, SFCC
Program Associate and Lobbyist
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Council of Churches

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

Easter: A Season . . . A Time . . . For Africa

As you read this column, I should be on the last leg of a month-long journey to the African nations of Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe. As I was preparing to leave the United States in February, the words of the Preacher, as the author of Ecclesiastes is called, came to mind. He paints a vivid picture of a person concerned about the meaning of life as he says: "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Surely there are times to be born . . . to die . . . to plant . . . and to pluck up what is planted. And we can all remember the struggle for life and for food that took place in much of Africa in recent years. This struggle to eat an adequate meal, to drink safe water and to have access to basic health care still goes on in Africa. And now — during the Easter season — is a good time for us to recommit ourselves to helping millions of people in Africa overcome the ravages of famine and poverty.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us also celebrate the wonderful gifts of our ancestral motherland — Africa. The peoples and nations of Africa embody a land of tremendous resources: The home of historical contributions to mathematics, writing, science, medicine, religion, the arts; the likely cradle of human civilization; and the second largest continent, embracing approximately 50 countries and bearing wealth that has dazzled the entire world.

As Christians, let us also remember that Jesus valued life and wanted people everywhere to enjoy the fruits of heaven and earth. He realized that people's spiritual and physical needs must be satisfied and he often talked about the Bread of Heaven while enjoying a meal. Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding where he changed water into wine in order to save a marriage celebration (John 2:1-10). At the Last Supper, prior to his crucifixion, Jesus used the Passover meal to reveal the meaning of the New Covenant in his blood to attentive disciples (Matthew 26:17-30). After his resurrection, Jesus took time to sit, eat and reveal the Good News to two men he joined near Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The Gospel narratives abound with examples of Jesus' eagerness to share the Gospel at mealtimes, during feast and fellowship as he ministered tirelessly to the total person: mind, body and soul.

And you and your church can improve the well being of millions of African people this year.

Bread for the World welcomes your participation in grassroots efforts to support U.S. legislation in Congress that will help African people receive resources they need to grow food and develop agriculturally. You can join us in pressing Congress to pass the Africa Famine Recovery and Development Act of 1987 that was introduced in the U.S. House and Senate on February 24. If enacted into law, this bill would provide $680 million to African nations over the next five years.

The need is truly overwhelming! No other region of the world faces such a steep and steady economic decline with severe human and political consequences as Africa. Food production has declined dramatically over the past 20 years and infant mortality statistics are some of the highest in the world.

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State Missions

Lyons To Highlight GBSC One Day Session

The Rev. Dr. Henry J. Lyons, President of the Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.; Vice President of the National Baptist Convention of U.S.A., Inc. and Pastor of the historic Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida will highlight the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention to be held May 5-6, 1987, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Dr. Thomas Walker, Pastor.

Dr. Lyons holds a Doctor of Sacred Theology Degree from the Hebrew Union University, Jerusalem, Israel. He has preached and lectured in over 17 foreign countries and across America. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading theologians and scholars.



Dr. Henry J. Lyons

One Day Session Program Outline

Tuesday (A.M. Session)

10:00 a.m.	Registration Committee Meetings
1:00 p.m.	President Humphrey, Presiding Devotional Period — Moderators
1:30-3:00	Moderator's Workshop
3:00-4:30	Pastor's Seminar Topic For Pastor's Seminar: "The Biblical Views Of Church Administration"

Tuesday (P.M. Session)
Vice President Dr. W.B. Lewis Presiding

7:00 p.m.	Devotion — Moderators Theme Address — By a Moderator Welcome Program — Host Church and Local Community Offering — State Missions Introduction of Speaker — Dr. J.B. Humphrey Solo — Mrs. Georgia Guest
8:15 p.m.	Sermon — Dr. Henry L. Lyons Invitational Hymn — Choir and Congregation Benediction
10:00 p.m.	Late Night Service

Wednesday, May 6, 1987
Dr. W.B. Lewis Presiding

8:30-10:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Devotional Period
9:20 a.m.	Theme Address — Rev. Waymona Kirkman, Pastor Second New Light Baptist Church, St. Pauls, N.C.
9:35 a.m.	Recognition And Special Announcements
9:45 a.m.	Reports Executive Secretary — Dr. C.C. Craig General Board — Dr. W.B. Lewis Others
11:00 a.m.	Presidential Projections for the Unfinished Task
11:30 a.m.	Offering
11:45 a.m.	Closing Worship Service Solo — Georgia Guest Sermon — Rev. J.R. Samuels Alternate: Rev. A.M. Williams

Laymen League News

By President Charles C. Alston

In addition to showers that characterize April, Laymen statewide plan to converge on Raleigh for the Annual One Day Session of the Laymen League Convention to be held at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church located at 1515 Cross Link Road on April 25, 1987. Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor, and the First Cosmopolitan Laymen League will graciously serve as host. Deacon Alvis Ray is the president of the First Cosmopolitan Laymen's League and is known statewide for his commitment to the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention and the Laymen's League Auxiliary respectively.

Preliminary to the One Day Session will be the Annual Laymen's Fellowship Banquet that will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Bullock Building, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. C.W. Ward is the pastor. Starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 1987, the Fellowship Banquet this year will feature a new wrinkle. For the first time, several members of the original Laymen's Study Commission will be inducted into the Laymen's Hall of Fame. Because of an anticipated heavy demand for tickets, interested persons should secure their tickets for this event well in advance of April 24, 1987. Tickets sell for fifteen dollars ($15.00) each and may be purchased from a local layman or from Dr. Leo Williams, Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C.

On the weekend of July 31, and August 1, 1987, the Laymen's Boys and Men's Retreat, ably directed by Brother Frank Marshall of Asheville, North Carolina, will be held at the J.J. Johnson Assembly, Laurel Hill, North Carolina. Because the development of the young black male is so vital, the goal this year is to double the effort of the previous year where this project is concerned. The cost for attending the retreat this year will be twenty dollars ($20.00) per person. This will include meals, lodging and activities. The purpose of the Retreat is to provide boys and men the opportunity to discover themselves through worship, Bible study, fellowship, counseling, nature study, crafts and recreation in a Christian environment. Laymen interested in sharing their God-given talents in promoting this worthwhile activity should contact Brother Frank Marshall, Director Boys and Men's Retreat, 40 Robinson Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina 28803.



Dr. Charles C. Alston

Dr. Chauncey Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Brothers Richard Cogdell, John McQueen and Elihue Sinclair are due special thanks for so ably hosting an **ad hoc planning** group from the Laymen's League on Saturday, February 21, 1987. A considerable amount of business was transacted, the fellowship was excellent and the coffee and doughnuts were absolutely delicious and greatly appreciated. Again, thanks to First Baptist, Fayetteville for their kind consideration.

The president met briefly and productively with Brother Jarvis Morgan, Chairman of the Study Commission and Fourth Vice President, on Thursday, March 5, 1987. Brother Morgan, the president is convinced, knows his responsibilities, will institute his own plans, is raring to go, and in time will take the commission to unheard of heights.

The president desires very much that information about the fine things going on in Leagues across the state be shared in the right places, at the right time and in the most effective manner. Therefore, he is requesting that the local president or a designee please submit a summary of what you are doing or plan to do to Brother James Pierce, P.O. Box 2490, Asheville, North Carolina 28802 immediately. Brother Pierce will then employ his creativity in compiling for distribution this material to laymen statewide.

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Usher President Griffin Acknowledges Historic 1987 Session

GREETINGS: from the North Carolina State Ushers of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Usher's One Day Session got off to a glorious start February 21, 1987 at the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, N.C.

Theme: The Challenge Of The Unfinished Task.

The Session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the President Mr. Cleveland Griffin singing What A Fellowship. Scripture and prayer followed. Then the dynamic devotional message by Mr. Felton Davis the first Vice President. He said we must do everything in our power to see that as many people as possible learn about and experience the love of Jesus Christ, for love is power that cannot be stopped, a fire that cannot be extinguished. It spreads through the ministry of Christian Ushering. An Usher's Mission is evangelism and their motive is to love. A fighting disagreeable Ushers Auxiliary turns the world away from God. But, if love is communicated through unity on God's terms it can save a multitude.

President Griffin gave heartfelt thanks to everyone and a special thanks to the wonderful Choir. He asked for the prayers of everyone that he would allow God to direct his path.

We were greeted with a very pleasant and warm welcome from the Host Church, New Bethel Baptist, Rolesville, N.C., the Wake County Usher's Union and the Wake County Association.

DIRECTIVES from President Humphrey, who stated he is very pleased and honored to have this opportunity to greet the Ushers of North Carolina. President Griffin and I are new in the saddle, although we both have worked with the General Baptist in the past years. I served as the first Dean of the Ushers of N.C. and it was during that time the first Ushers Manuel was drafted.



Cleveland Griffin

Dr. Humphrey installed the new officers elected at the Annual Session in Wilson, N.C. He charged them: One of the greatest honors to come to a person is to be singled out. To seek to demonstrate to know where you are going, to know how you are going to get there and that you are going to take someone with you.

We had a very inspiring lecture from Dr. C.V. Owens, What Is An Usher?

An Usher is an official whose business it is to introduce strangers or walk before persons, a forerunner or a door keeper. The Church Usher helps the Pastor make the Worship Service a success by putting the congregation in the right frame of mind to receive the message. They see to it that the guests are seated comfortably and that perfect order is kept during Worship. Ushers must live so their conduct can speak for them. Their conduct reflects on the church.

Greetings, from Dr. C.C. Craig, he commended President Griffin for the Leadership he has already rendered and said we can be gratified but never satisfied as long as the fields are white for harvest and the laborers are few. We must be about our Father's business. He stated his Challenge to the Unfinished Task is a 2.2 million dollar budget.

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Somebody's Knocking At Your Door: An Appeal For The General Baptist Foundation

By John W. Fleming

Somebody's knocking at your door. That **somebody** is **opportunity,** the opportunity to invest in the Baptist Foundation of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Inc. I plead with each of you, do not answer in the words of a popular song of some years back: "I hear you knocking but you can't come in."

In our economic order investment is the name of the game. It is not only **earning** money. It is **controlling** money. It is **using** money **to make** money. Until we are thoroughly imbued with the investment concept, **we will remain a race of beggars.**

Now, that is what the Baptist Foundation is all about — investing, investing to the point where the General Baptist State Convention achieves financial independence. The aim is to reach that time when the parent body can fulfill its obligations to its objectives, initiate new programs, and enlarge its vision.

Economic stability, such as envisioned in the foundation concept, has resulted from careful and thoughtful planning summarized in the term, THE FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND. Planning, however careful and however thoughtful, must be wrought out in the arena of action. That is where our churches, moderators, pastors, officers and laity enter the picture.

We are encouraging our more than 400,000 Baptists to hold a family endowment kick-off in your respective churches. Conduct an adventure in faith for the next five years through regular and systematic support of the Baptist Foundation. In short, **plant a seed of faith** in the plan and in those who are providing leadership for it. A dollar from every Baptist under the umbrella of the GBSC will provide steady dividend and will promote the growth of our august body.

The stress of the Foundation is on investing in Guaranteed Government Bonds. The investment goes to work **immediately,** paying interest over 30, 60 and 90-day periods. As I have already indicated, it is money making money.

I would not dare ask you to support such an activity if I did not have profound respect and great faith in the leadership of the foundation. Dr. C.G. Newsome, a Baptist minister and former professor at Duke Divinity School and presently serving as a professor and administrator at the Howard University School of Religion, is chairman of the Foundation Board. George Frazier, an eminent layman and well-known Durham businessman, is the director. The Rev. G.K. Moss, prominent parish minister, is co-chairman. A number of people contribute voluntary service, primarily to the maintenance of the office located in the Baptist Headquarters.

Somebody's knocking at your door. Answer that knock by joining in support of this great plan. Mail $1.00 to: The Family Endowment Fund, Post Office Box 28526, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Chatham County Native: "Breakthrough For Baptists"

By D.W. Headen



Reverend Bertha Moore

MONCURE — History was made at the 68th annual session of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Convention when the area association, consisting of 28 Missionary Baptist churches in Lee, Harnett, Chatham, Randolph, Moore, and Guilford counties, voted to accept the Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church of Moncure into its membership. The Rev. Bertha Moore is founder and pastor of the Moncure Church.

The Moncure Church is the first member church of the Deep River Baptist Association in 68 years to have a woman serve as pastor. Dr. H.L. Morgan is Moderator of the Association.

Dr. E.B. Turner, past-president of the 400,000-member General Baptist State Convention of N.C., stated that "this action by the Deep River Association is a victory for the association and Baptists everywhere and even more so it is a victory for God and evidence that God is working wonders in Deep River." Turner stated that Deep River is still his home association where he grew up in Roberts Chapel Church, Goldston, where he preached his first sermon. He called Dr. Morgan a natural leader, an outstanding one we can expect greater things from.

Similar voices of excitement were echoed by Deacon Morea Singletary and Deacon Wyomia B. Bryant, both of Sanford First Calvary Church; Mrs. Inease Wicker, president of State Baptist Training Union Congress; Mrs. Clara Donnell, president Roberts Chapel Missionary, Goldston; Mrs. Annie McCrummon of Taylor's Chapel Church Community; Mrs. Marteener Epharian, president Deep River Sunday School Convention; and Gary M. Headen of Goldston, who said, "Rev. Sis. Moore has inspired me so much with her prayers, teaching in Bible study and encouraging message. I congratulate her."

Rev. Moore preached her first sermon in 1966 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Moncure, where she was a member. She was ordained 1970 at Pillar of Truth Ministries, Woodleaf, N.C. She is a graduate of Central Carolina Technical College of Sanford, received Bachelor of Theology Degree at Shaw Divinity School of Raleigh, a B.A. degree from Shaw University, Raleigh and at present is a student on leave from "Master Degree Program" at Shaw Divinity School.

Rev. Sis. Moore works as In-home Aid Service Coordinator and Supervisor of Chatham County Council on Aging, and Home Care/Nursing in Chatham County. She also does ministering to prisons at Sanford Advancement Center with Mr. Joseph J. Hurley Jr., Coordinator at the Advancement Center at Sanford, N.C.

Concert Slated for Georgia B. Guest



Mrs. Georgia Guest

Shelby — On Friday, April 24, 1987, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Georgia B. Guest, soloist for the General Baptist State Convention will present her Annual Concert at the Shelby Senior High School in the Malcom Brown Auditorium. Mrs. Guest has served the General Baptist State Convention for 13 years and is known across the nation for her dedication to religious musical interpretation. She has made several records and tapes.

Special guests at the Concert will include: The Voices of Inspiration of Marion, North Carolina; The Ebenezer Association Mass Choir of Shelby and vicinity; the nationally acclaimed Shirley Caesar and The Caesar Singers of Durham, North Carolina and many other friends.

Mrs. Guest asked for the support of and invites all Officers, Pastors, Ministers and Friends of the General Baptist State Convention to share in her historic concert. For more information about the Concert or if you are interested in having Mrs. Guest appear in your area of the state, please contact: Mrs. Georgia Guest, Route 9, Box 265, Shelby, North Carolina 28150, 704/482-3062.

Mrs. Vassie Bridges Honored As Resident Emeritus

Mrs. Vassie Bridges of Ellenboro, N.C., was recently honored at the Mid-Year session of the Women's Missionary auxiliary of the Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Association. Mrs. Martha L. Baskin the current President presented Mrs. Bridges as an honored member to receive the title of President Emeritus, for her outstanding service as the First President with continuing contributions and loyalty to the mission work up to the present. Mrs. Bridges has never missed a meeting since the organization of the Auxiliary thirty-nine (39) years ago, and has participated in state level activities for many years. She was pinned with a gold lifetime membership pin of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

New Hope Union Has A Winner



The New Hope Union has a new winner of the Youth Participation Trophy. Congratulations, First Baptist Church, Lillington! This trophy is the Union's incentive to increase the youth's attendance at the Union meetings. Hands on Trophy — Annette Maxwell; Rev. David O. Parrish, New Hope Union Youth Advisor. Second row: Anita Cannady; Candace Mungo; Tawana McKoy. Third row: Rev. Queen Penny, pastor; John Marsh; Frank McKoy; Donna Montgomery; Cedric McKoy; Sister Bunkley, First Baptist Youth Advisor. Fourth row: Tony Cox; Juanita Smith; Annette Smith. Not pictured: Rev. N.T. Davis, president New Hope Union.

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1-5 Hampton Minister's Conference, Hampton, VA

6 Young Adults' Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

7-12 First Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

14 Laymen's Study Commission District #4 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., (place to be announced)

14-19 Second Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

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21-26 Third Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

22-26 National Baptist Convention Congress, Richmond, VA

27 Missions Prayer Day (County-Wide)

JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

14-16 State Usher's Annual Session, Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E.W. Wooten, Pastor

18 All-Baptist Picnic, Baptist Assembly Laurel, Hill, N.C.

20-23 Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem, N.C.

20 Woman's Convention Executive Board Meeting (During Convention)

Happy Mother's Day



Dr. Luella D. Edwards

As President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, I am happy to proclaim May 1987 as General Baptist State Convention "Christian Womanhood Month." As guest editor I hope that you enjoy this issue of the Baptist Informer. I love you all and may God bless you.

Mother

By Shawane L. Kelly

There are so many things I'd like to share about Mama. Her numerous qualities are very outstanding. All mothers possess similar qualities, but Mama's are extra special to me.

Being a good mother does not mean that she only needs to provide the obvious necessities of life — food, shelter and clothing. There are other things just as important as these that are meaningful and necessary.

First comes time. The time Mama and I spend together is very special to me. Time is precious to her because she's a school teacher and organist for four choirs. But she always has set aside a little time for me. We both have homework almost every night, meetings at the church, and school activities to attend, but even a little time together is very worthy. Some days our schedules are rather full and I'd feel shortchanged. Because we have a close relationship, I'd share my feelings with her and she would plan something special, such as a trip to Belk's, my favorite store.

Another special attribute of Mama is her tremendous sacrificial love. Being a single parent is doubly hard, especially if there's little or no support from the other parent. Mama has given up many material and immaterial things just for me. She has given and shown this sacrificial love through genuine concern, acceptance and a sense of importance. She often forgets about herself and does for others and me. She's often mounted with work, rehearsals and church work, but she'd do some typing for someone who had called at the last minute. This past Christmas, she bought me an expensive Aigner pocketbook and bought herself a cheaper one at Pic 'n Pay. Through the years, she sacrificed things she really needed so that I could have things she wanted me to have.

Mama has taught me by being a good example, another attribute. She wants me to be modest in my speech, behavior and dress. Oh, we have had some disagreements about dress and compromised. I believe all mothers would like to choose their children's friends, but I've tried to select them with common interests, values and goals. Mama seems to be pleased with my selection. She sees that I'm in church and encourages me to take an active part in the local church, union, and association. She's there, too, taking an active part as well. Whenever she attends prayer meeting and Bible study, she takes me too.

Mama provides good discipline too. She is forever teaching me right from wrong. She has enabled me to be self-disciplined in many aspects. As a teenager, I pray that God will keep her here to guide me, with His help, through the days ahead. Some of her lessons are not just spoken, but lived. When she reprimands me, I know she does it because she loves me and wants me to do right. She is fair and very firm. She encourages and praises me when I deserve it, and always disciplines and corrects me when I need to be.

Her endless supply of energy can only be a God-given attribute. Mama has worn a hearing aid all her life, and a few years ago, she found out she has Retinitis Pigmentosa, which causes blindness. Yet, she carries out her duties, responsibilities and extra tasks with faith and trust. I have never heard her talk about giving up, but she knows her limits.

It's no wonder she is the sweetest and greatest mother in the world! Her seams are bursting with love, support, time and concern. I realized a long time ago that I'm truly blessed!

The visiting writer is a ninth grade Honor and Marching Band student, and she is a member of Jones Chapel, Laurinburg.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, President of District Conventions and Unions:

Our gratitude goes out to all of you for your support and commitment to the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Your contributions are important because they represent more than dollars and cents. They represent commitments, dedication, sweat and toil, faith and love in the interest of others. We have not reached our goals and we have not honored our commitments to the worthy objectives, but we are moving in the right direction.

We cannot stop at what we have done and rest upon our laurels. What we have done should be a symbol of what we can do. There are still rugged roads ahead and many mountains to climb and many bridges to cross. As stewards of God, our service never ends. The end of one accomplishment is the beginning of another. When we reacch one plateau, it is time to look to a higher one.

As we seek to accomplish our goals and objectives, we need your constant support and cooperation in responding to your suggested quota for the fiscal year 1986-87. Our fiscal year ends August 31, 1987. We have four months left in which to honor our full commitments to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Children's Home.

Many thanks to you in advance for the support and cooperation that I know you are going to give in the interest of missions and Christian Education.

Give As God Has Given

Why do you give thanks for food? A Christian invited a friend to dinner. A prayer of blessing was given for the food. The non-Christian friend reacted: "I don't thank anybody for the food we eat at our house. I work hard in order to buy what my family needs." The Christian's response was kind, but firm: "I have observed that you work hard, but it is God who gives you strength to work." He cited Deuteronomy 8:18 about God giving us power to get wealth. The Christian reminded his friend that the farmer's planting would produce no harvest unless God provided the sun and rain. "Considering all things, God is the greatest of givers. It is God who gives food to all flesh (Ps. 136:25), and in recognition of His giving we are taught to pray, 'give us this day our daily bread' " (Matt. 6:11).

The believer's point was well made, and there is much more than can be said about God's giving:

"He gives . . . life, and breath" (Acts 17:25). "The God of Israel is He that gives strength" (Ps. 68:35). "The Lord shall give that which is good" (Ps. 85:12).

Everything people have comes to them as a gift. The best thing of all that God has given is His love, and Christ as proof of it (John 3:16). "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8, NKJV).

There is nothing reluctant in the nature of God when it comes to giving people what they need. John observed, "And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace" (Jn. 1:16). The phrase "grace for grace" sums up the boundless generosity of God's giving. It means that when one gift is used up, there is another to take its place. God's giving is like waves breaking on the seashore. When one wave dies in the sand there is another one to take its place, on and on as long as the sea lasts.

There is no end to God's giving, which provides the example for our giving. The hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master," expresses our lifelong goal in giving. To be like God, Christians are to have a giving nature (Luke 6:38). God gives to us with gladness (Luke 12:32). When Christians give with pleasure, it is a sign of maturity. God gave, and the challenge to us is to give as God has given — not as much, for no one can do that, but to give with His purpose. As we give to God through our Church, we worship God and minister to people in His name.

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(II Corinthians 6:7)

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1987-1988

General Baptist State Convention

Minister Salary Guidelines

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1987-1988

Recommended Minimums for Pastors

Resident Church Membership	50-199	200-499	500-999	1000-1499	1500-up
Direct Income					
Base Support	11,850	13,525	16,650	18,725	22,900
Housing	4,675	5,450	6,525	7,325	7,325
Utilities and upkeep	1,875	1,900	2,125	2,350	2,850
Total Direct Income	18,400	20,275	24,225	27,800	33,075
Benefits					
Retirement[1]	1,840	2,028	2,423	2,780	3,308
Life Insurance	540	540	630	630	810
Medical Insurance[2]	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
Long Term Disability[3]	245	287	353	420	530
Social Security Offset[4]	2,576	2,838	3,392	3,892	4,638
Total Benefits	6,881	7,373	8,478	9,402	10,966
Ministry Expense					
Travel	2,600	2,700	3,325	3,550	3,800
Conventions/conferences	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Books, publications and other	346	442	546	650	754
Total Ministry Income	3,964	4,142	4,871	5,200	5,554
Total Package	29,254	31,790	37,574	42,402	49,595

[1]At least 10% of total direct income
[2]Based on family coverage-pastor age 48 (4/83)
[3]Based on male age 48
[4]10% of total income up to $37,500 in 1984

The above **recommended minimums** are based on full-time pastoral service. If you serve a church two Sundays a month please divide each category by two. If you serve a church only one Sunday a month plese divide each category by four.

For additional information or workshops in your church contact Dr. C.C. Craig or Reverend Archie D. Logan, Jr. 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601, 919/821-7466.

Editorial

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



"Tribute To Missionary Women"

May is a special month in the life of the church, we all pause to recognize our MOTHERS and MISSIONARY WOMEN. The memories of Easter 1987 and Calvary still linger on my heart. I believe that the cross and motherhood/womanhood share a common bond: It is the bond of love. The cross is a revelation of divine love while motherhood/womanhood is a revelation of self-denying love. This common bond, therefore, shows that both the cross and motherhood/womanhood share a threefold parallel: 1) that of steadfastness in devotion; 2) that of sacrifice through death; 3) that of service by dedication.

The Missionary Baptist Church has been blessed with women of faith and commitment. Each of our General Baptist State Convention Churches is rooted and grounded in the love of our "Missionaries." Evelyn Christenson states in her book, **What Happens When Women Pray**, that women often lead in spiritual communication with God. Throughout my life women of the church have prayed for me. Sometimes when God stepped in and changed a dim situation into a bright one — I knew someone was praying for me; when God healed my body and picked me up from my sick bed — I knew someone was praying for me; when God met me in the quietness of my church study and renewed my strength — I knew someone was praying for me; and as I continue the challenge of leading the General Baptist State Convention I have the hope and assurance that you all — continue to pray for me.

My tribute to mothers in May 1987 is found in the great hymn of the church, written by Arthur B. Patten, "Faith of Our Mothers:"

Faith of Our Mothers

Faith of our mothers, living yet
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nursery love and fireside lore,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
The fount of childhood's trust and grace,
O may thy consecration prove
The wellspring of a nobler race.
Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longings — youthful doubts,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home and save the church,
And breath thy spirit through our deeds.
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Arthur B. Patten



Rural women in southern Zimbabwe take time during the week to help build a kitchen facility. The women wrap grass in bundles for the men in the area who are thatching a roof for the new kitchen. Throughout Kimbabwe and much of Africa, rural people are working together to improve living conditions.

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

"Africa Through African-American Eyes"

First in a Three-Part Series

Leaving African Rural Areas For The Cities' Bright Lights

(Continued next month)

Lusaka, Zambia — Urban centers throughout Africa are bursting at the seams these days as thousands of people are lured to the cities' bright lights in hopes of achieving greater economic opportunities that can be found in most rural areas. Nairobi (Kenya), Lusaka (Zambia), and Harare (Zimbabwe) are three cities where the air is electric with human desires for a better life.

To varying degrees, each city hums along to a blend of African personality and Western influences left from the colonial era. Buses, jammed with riders, careen to and fro around downtown streets. In Nairobi, Kenyans sometimes board the buses bearing crates, sacks of food, boxes and other packages containing their daily essentials. The more affluent urbanites whizz through hectic traffic in their Mercedes and Datsuns, oblivious to the big city skyline hovering above them. In all three cities, there are fine hotels, theaters, museums, restaurants and shops to please the most discerning tastes.

But in order to catch a glimpse of more traditional Africa, one must leave the glitter of the cities and travel to distant rural areas. In many of Kenya's rural areas, people seem to be everywhere, moving up and down the roadsides performing daily tasks and business. Good farm land is hard to get, not only because the population is growing so rapidly, but primarily because so many large tracts of land are in the hands of wealthy Europeans and multinational corporations. Despite the land squeeze, people in rural Kenya (in East Africa), Zambia and Zimbabwe (in Southern Africa) are ruggedly productive workers, who use centuries of wisdom and knowledge to survive. Men and women commonly carry machetes, used for field and agricultural work; women bear heavy loads of firewood, water pots or sacks of maize meal on their heads; swarms of children walk to and return from a multitude of primary and secondary schools; men herd goats, cattle and oxen to grazing areas and back; and plentiful clusters of thatched roof round houses dot the landscape, symbolizing ages of reliance on strong family and community ties.

While the countryside in all three nations is beautifully captivating, the difficult lifestyle often indigenous to the African "bush" has driven many rural people — men and women, primarily youths — to lay down farm tools and head for the bright lights of the cities. This population shift is leaving fewer farmers to provide for an urban population which grows by 5 to 10 percent annually throughout all of Africa. This migration also strains nations' resources, which are solely needed to help rural food producers and to increase rural development.

Zambia, where half of the nation's people live in urban areas, is experiencing many problems. With a population of seven million people, Zambia is plagued by an estimated two million unemployed youths.

"Many young people are stuck and don't know where they're going," said Peter Hamajata, a youth development worker for the Christian Council of Zambia, headquartered in downtown Lusaka. "The conditions in many rural areas are not attractive — poor schools, health care and water supplies. There's no cash, few agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilizers and generally poorer facilities. In town," he said, "people attempt to start their own businesses. The economic conditions in the towns are perceived by youth as being better and cause them to migrate in search of wage employment, which usually is not available."

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

Many Thanks

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Many, many thanks to you who supported the annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, April 4. The Spirit of God seemed to have been present among and with us. The Woman's Convention continues to ask that you pray for and support her in the mission God has given to her hands.

The Woman's Convention has been asked to secure visiting writers to write on a concept of Mother which you will find in this May issue of the "Baptist Informer." Many thanks to those who responded to the invitation. The Woman's Convention wishes all mothers A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. For certainly is she aware and appreciative of the missions-in-action legacy which historical mothers or "mothers" have left.

(Please send to the office now for the included applications.)

Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention
Of North Carolina
MEMORANDUM

TO: The Sisters and Friends of our Convention
FROM: The Executive Secretary-Treasurer
RE: Reservations for the Convention (July) and Banquet Tickets
DATE: January 10, 1987

This year during July 20-23, 1987, will be the 103rd Annual Session of the Woman's Convention at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem at which time Galilee Baptist Church, Dr. W.C. Hay, Pastor, will be the host church. The headquarters for the Woman's Convention is the Hyatt Regency which is right across the street from the Center. However, other hotels have been made available in order to have ample housing. They are the Stouffer, diagonally across the street from the Civic Center, Quality Inn, only a few blocks from the Hyatt, and Holiday Inn North.

Seniors who will accompany the youth are asked to stay in the same hotel as the youth.

Please return the application to the address given on the application.

If you desire to share a room with one or more persons, under the same number, place all of the names on the same application. The confirmation is to be mailed to only one person.

Please notice that the deadline for applications is **June 20,** 1987. Thus do hurry and get in your reservations.

Banquet tickets ($15.00 each) are now available at the office. The Woman's Convention's banquet will be Monday, July 20, at 6:00 p.m.

If there are questions, please contact the Woman's Convention's office.

Signed

PAB:bjc

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau
Housing Bureau
Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC
July 20-24, 1987
Deadline for Receipt: June 20, 1987

Sleeping rooms for those attending the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC have been reserved at the four hotels listed below. All housing will be handled by the Winston-Salem Housing Bureau, and all housing applications must be sent directly to the Bureau. Room reservations will be made in order of requests received. **Request must be received in writing. Phone calls are not accepted.** After you have received confirmation, any reservation changes must be made through the Housing Bureau, Convention and Visitors Bureau (919) 725-2361.

Hotel	Single/Double	Triple/Quad	Check-In Time
Hyatt Winston-Salem	$58.32	$58.32	3:00 p.m.
Quality Inn Triad Plaza	48.60/51.84	51.84/51.84	12:00 noon
Winston Plaza, A Stouffer Hotel	69.12	69.12	3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn-North/ University	48.00	48.00	1:00 p.m.

Rates quoted include N.C. Sales Tax and Hotel Tax.

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, AUXILIARY TO GBSC SPONSORS THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

For Boys and Girls
(Ages 9-16)

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THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, North Carolina
June 14-July 3, 1987

THEME: **Applying His Word"**

Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President
Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Advisor
Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Director
Rev. Theodore Breeden, Superintendent

PURPOSE

To provide boys and girls the opportunity to discover themselves through worship, Bible study, counseling, nature study, crafts, and recreation in a Christian environment.

Though the camp is sponsored by Baptists, children of all denominations are welcomed.

ACTIVITIES

Campers may participate in dramatization, Bible study, hikes, nature study, special events basketball, music, crafts, softball and talent shows.

WHAT TO BRING

Two sheets, bath and face towels, one pillow case, soap and other toiletries, a blanket, flash light, Bible, pencils and paper, bathing suit and cap, and a small cotton rug to use when sitting on the ground.

Please do not bring the large box radios!

FEE

Regular Camper

Total Room and Board Cost $65.00
Deposit (Non-Refundable) $10.00

Day Camper (Only for Laurel Hill and Surrounding Communities Youth)

Total Camping Fee $36.00
Deposit (Non-Refundable) $10.00

CAMP PERIOD

_____ 1st Week - June 14-19
_____ 2nd Week - June 21-26
_____ 3rd Week - June 28-July 3

Campers are taken on 1st come basis until available facilities are filled. Registration Form, Health Form and the Camper's Fee or Deposit must be returned together. Begin sending these now!

Room Assignment on Sundays near 2:00 p.m.

Camp T-Shirts For Sale at $4.00 each.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

of the

Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina
Auxiliary to GBSC
Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, North Carolina
June 1-5, 1987

Dr. Luella D. Edwards
President

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

PURPOSE

To equip Baptist Women for Leadership in Christian missions through worship, teaching, fellowship, and recreation.

ACTIVITIES

Leadership classes, hikes, nature study, banquet, vesper services, music, crafts, recreation, and leisure time.

WHAT TO BRING

Two sheets, bath and face towels, one pillow case, soap and other toiletries, a blanket, flash light, Bible, pencils and paper, and an appropriate dress for the banquet (small fee additional).

FEE

Regular Attendant

Total Room and Board Cost.....$60.00
Deposit (Non-Refundable).....$10.00

Day Attendant

Total Conference Cost.....$36.00
Deposit (Non-Refundable).....$ 5.00

DEPOSIT DEADLINE - MAY 20, 1987

ROOM ASSIGNMENT - MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 1, 1987 BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.

Tribute To Mothers and Christian Womanhood

Mother Of The Month



Mrs. Lana Bell Linney

Mrs. Lana Bell Linney, a faithful member of Smith Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Hiddenite, Reverend S. F. Harriston, Pastor celebrated her 94th birthday with her children on Christmas Day 1986. She was born December 25, 1892 in Alexander County. Mrs. Linney was married to the late Walter Linney and the couple raised 10 children, eight who are still living.

During the birthday celebration Mrs. Linney stated, "The church is the source of my life, I love mid-week prayer service." She also stated that she felt that her long life was a "gift of God."

Mrs. Linney's family speaks of her as a faithful, devoted wife, mother, and teacher who worked hard on their farm to help their father with agricultural duties and "what ever had to be done." Since her husband passed away eight years ago, Mrs. Linney has made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bennett of Stoney Point, North Carolina.

A Good Mother — Thank God!

By Tania Butler

On October 21, 1943, a daughter arrived at the family of Mark Herbert and Mary Etta Grant Phillips. The baby girl was named Etherine Delois Phillips. She grew up in Battleboro, N.C., and graduated from Phillips High School. She went to North Carolina Central University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Library Science. In 1979, she received a Masters degree from the University of South Carolina at Coastal Carolina in Early Childhood.

I can only witness the early years of my mother's life in her educational endeavors. She took me to visit her campus on several occasions, although I was very young. I even attended her graduation. It was fun to watch her march in a long robe and mortar board cap that looked like a flat-top hat.

Occasionally, my mother talks about the day I was born and the early years of my life. I have been well reminded of the day and little incidents like knocking my cup or glass off my highchair. I just say, "Well, evidently, I didn't want it." I laugh and she laughs, but for me, it was not that funny then. Mom said I was everyone's joy and worth holding. I always had a smile on my face and hardly ever cried until it was time to eat.

Suddenly, I began to grow up. At age four, I began taking dance lessons once a week after school. Now this is when my mother started running what seemed to be a shuttle service. After taking dance lessons for a year, I added something else that caught my interest. I started taking piano lessons once a week. At this time, I was busy and my mother was busy. A lot of people could not understand why my mother did this for me at such a young age, but she did.

Now I am at the middle school and beginning to get involved in more activities. I am doing science projects, buying materials, paying dues in the pep club, and doing other types of fund raisers. While in my middle school years, I participated in a lot of church activities. I joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Longwood on April 11, 1982. My church activities began to grow in number like my school activities. My schedule started to look much worse for my mother and me. This is the time when one needs a strong person, like a mother, to depend on. The most challenging part during my middle school years was becoming the Fourth Vice President of the Youth Department in our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. I was an eighth grader and only the Fourth Vice President of the Youth in the Ocean View Union. My daily guidance and encouragement came from my mother.

Although she does not know, but I think she has an idea at times, I thank God for a mother like her. We have our differences of opinion, but we communicate. I know we get to understand each other better. Whatever I am engaged in, or have to do, she is always there to give moral support. There are times when I want to quit, but she says, "No, Tania; keep going and it will be done. You can do it." So I continue and I do feel better when the job is done, no matter what it takes. I am very fortunate and blessed to have Etherine P. Butler for "my mother."

My Mother

By Tina Heath

"Thank you" is not enough to express my deepest gratitude for all the things my Mother has done for me.
As I look over my life,
She's always been there with a
helping hand,
Slow to anger, but easy to
understand.

I remember my first day of
school, she knew I was so afraid
to leave home without her,
so she stood by my side . . . as my
helper and my guide.

As I grew older, I began to learn about people; there are all kinds of people, of different races, backgrounds and personalities, but all are children of the same God, our God.

In learning about people, I found out about friends. Friends are people that you can trust, people that are supportive of your efforts in life, and are there to pick you up when you're down. This definition also describes my mother.

I remember coming home and telling my mother that a person I thought was my friend, really wasn't. My mother then told me of another friend, Jesus. She told me that Jesus was my only true friend.

"He'll be there when I can't be here for you; and he'll stick by you until the end. He's the one that you can truly depend on, and the only one that's your friend." That day, I began to lean and depend on Jesus. We started going to church, and in church I learned more about Jesus.

My mother started teaching me how to cook, saying I will one day have to cook for myself or someone else, and I need to be prepared.

Looking over my young life. I am very lucky to have a mother. There are so many people that grew up without one. This is why I don't take my mother's love and advice for granted, because I know that she's not going to be here always . . . and she's preparing me for that.

Every time I get a chance, I give her a flower, because I would rather give her one blossom now than a truck load when she's dead.

My mother is a very appreciative person; the little things mean a lot. Simple things, like a warm smile, or a kind word, always brighten her day. She's also eager to help others, so that their lights can shine a little bit brighter. She encourages me and makes me try a little harder because she sees the potential in me that I have yet to develop.

Her family and Jesus are the two most important things to her. He has brought her a long way, and her family prayers has kept us together, because together we stand, divided we fall, and without him in our lives, we'd be nothing at all.

Unlike so many other Mothers and Fathers, my parents have always stayed together and been there for us. Jesus caused them to stay together through thick and thin, through good times and bad, and I'm thankful for Him for that.

FOR GOD SO LOVED

TRIBUTE **Continued**

Mrs. Pauline V. Patterson:

A Special Mother

By Mrs. Shirley Bullock

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed . . ."

In Proverbs chapter 31, the wise Solomon gave a vivid portrait of a virtuous woman and mother. Many of these fine characteristics are befitting a very special mother — Mrs. Pauline V. Patterson.

Mrs. Patterson, a native of Halifax County and a long time resident of Rocky Mount, has been and is a mother to many. She is a God-fearing, dedicated Christian mother who has served as an inspiration to many of all ages in her church, her community and her missionary work for the Master.

". . . a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Mrs. Patterson has been an active and dedicated member of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, for 63 years. She has served our church as a member of the choir for 53 years, the Sisterhood, and as a member and leader of the Missionary Circle. Her untiring work and encouragement have been influential in each department of the Mount Zion Missionary Circle where she serves as a member of Group No. 3. "She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

Mrs. Patterson gives wise, motherly council, and sound, helpful advice to many, individually and collectively. This advice always has been shared with love, concern and in accord with Christian principles. She has served as teacher of the Deborah Bible Class in her church Sunday school at Mount Zion for 36 years. ". . . let her own works praise her in the gates."

As a strong supporter of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and its missionary work, Mrs. Patterson served as Chairman of District 8, Group 1, for eleven years. She worked diligently in inspiring missionaries in Nash, Halifax, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties to support the missionary cause and to obey the command of our Lord in Matthew 28:19-20a: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ."

Even after stepping down as chairman, she continues to serve and support the District faithfully. For many years, she has regularly attended the Woman's Convention in its Annual Session and its various meetings during the year.

"Her candle goeth not out by night . . . (She) eateth not the bread of idleness."

An untiring Christian mother, Mrs. Patterson has been active in many phases of the community. She is a member of the Senior Citizens Organization, Past Matron of the Eastern Star, Past Most Noble Governor of the Household of Ruth, and a member of the Business and Professional Woman's Club of Rocky Mount. For her unselfish service and devotion, she was named "Woman of the Year" in 1972 by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Rocky Mount.

"She maketh fine linen and selleth it . . ."

This special mother possesses special talents. Mrs. Patterson possesses an exceptional skill as a seamstress. She has constructed and altered garments for hundreds of her customers. She availed her skills in helping others as she served as a sewing instructor at Nash Technical Institute and the South Rocky Mount Community Center.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed . . ."

Though a mother to many in her church and community, Mrs. Patterson is the mother of two sons — John Henry Patterson of Norfolk, Virginia, and George Gregory Patterson of Jamaica, New York. She is the grandmother of three and the great-grandmother of three.

To honor their mother for her sacrifices, guidance and devotion as an unselfish and loving mother, her sons honored her in 1986 with a birthday banquet in celebration of her 90th birthday. Hundreds of "her children" and friends from across the state were invited to help honor, praise and give testimony to the beautiful life of a mother "that feareth the Lord."

"Strength and honor are her clothing . . ."

A mother of great courage and strong faith, Mrs. Patterson is also a praying mother who seeks God's guidance and will before she attempts to go forward with plans. She is able to say from experience and confidence, "I am a firm believer in prayer. Just go to God in sincere prayer and I know that he will show you the way to go."

May God continue to bless and keep Mother Patterson and all the virtuous Christian mothers across North Carolina whose "children arise up, and call (them) blessed."

The visiting writer is a member of the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount; a vice president of the Woman's Convention; an employee of Rocky Mount City School System.

Mother — God's Special Gift

By Melanie C. Bullock

As Mother's Day draws near, the minds of many children will be upon a special person — Mother. She is special. She deserves the honor that comes to her. She is God's Special Gift. "Honor Thy Mother . . ."

If a package were delivered to the front door of many homes with the label, "Special Delivery — a person is enclosed," it would likely contain a mother. What other person is so special, plays so many roles, has so much care, and shares so much love. I realize that there are fathers. They too are very special people, so are sisters, brothers and friends. But a mother is very special. It was Mother who gave birth to us, fixed our formulas, changed our clothes, and taught us our first prayers.

At the same time she gave us her attention, we saw her through our little eyes as she became a cook, teacher, buyer, beautician, chauffeur, nurse, doctor and others. Even after she returned from an eight hour day, she picked us up, fixed a meal, washed our clothes, cleaned the kitchen, stopped at the store, made a trip to the bank, picked up the toys, settled a sibling dispute, chauffeured someone to the "Y" or school, helped with homework, and yes, attended her own church meeting. Even when it was finally time for us to go to bed, though weary and tired, she responded by answering our cry for another glass of water and to read a bedtime story.

We thank God for Mothers, for that "specialness" he has given them to do so much and to always care. It was Mother who taught us to pray, who dressed us for Sunday School, who helped to inspire our faith. It seems that the very letters of the word Mother can be used to list at least six of her qualities:

M is for Merciful — she continues to forgive

O is for Optimistic — she looks on the bright side

T is for True — she is true to our needs

H is for Helpful — she continues to lend her hands

E is for Eager — she wants us to do well

R is for Responsible — she sees that our needs are provided

It was Charles R. Brown who said that great men have sometimes had great fathers, but they have always had great mothers. I believe it was Abraham Lincoln who said that all that I am or hope to be, I owe it to my mother.

We thank God for mothers, for those special persons in our lives that we know have us on their hearts. It is fitting on Mother's Day and other days of the year for us as children to try to honor her and love her and appreciate her. She is like a scented flower given to each of us as a fragrance of spirit which will add joy to our lives. Especially do we thank God for our Mothers who love Him and who keep us in their prayers for His keeping.

Mother is someone who:

— wipes our noses and bandages our toes

— makes us feel more secure when she is there

— let's us know that we have at least one friend no matter what

— will share with us until all is gone

— even when she fusses, we know that she cares

— "gets on your case" for cleaning your room, but always has us on her heart

— wants more for her children than she has

— nags us because she cares

— owns us as her child regardless to how we look

— forgets many of our faults when she talks to others about us

— will risk her life for our safety

— tells God about us, and us about God

— works overtime on all three shifts on a regular basis

— makes a house a home

— dreams about us when we are fast asleep

— never gives up on what we can become

— forgives and renews us to her favor

— it's never too late or too early to call

— will not allow us to outgrow her advice

—disciplines us when it's needed

— is a main example of Christian living

—changes our clothes when we get dirty

— will doctor on us any hour of the night

—will plead with the judge for our mercy

— cannot sleep when we are in trouble

— holds a light for us when the whole world is dark

— makes a way out of no way, with God's help

— can always find one more after the last one is gone

— negotiates with dad to change some decisions in our favor

— attends our P.T.A. when she must cancel her meeting

— beams when she watches us participate in a program

— hurts when we hurt

— tells us for the last time over and over and over

— buys us an outfit that she cannot really afford

— hears more than she appears to be listening to

— loves us unconditionally

— allows us to have a pet even when she would rather not

— saves for a rainy day with us in mind

— wishes that she could suffer in our place

— even when shy, will speak out in our behalf

— cooks special meals when we come home.

Thank God for Mothers and may children everywhere try to honor her, to keep the light in her eyes, the smiles on her face, the hurt from her heart, and the love of Jesus in their lives and homes.

The visiting writer is a member of Saint James Disciple Church, Rocky Mount, and she is a member of the WBH&FMC's Youth Department.

A Missionary Mother:

A Gift More Precious Than Gold



Mrs. J.A. Little

By Mrs. Julias McDonald

Who is a Missionary Mother?

First, a mother is a female parent or one who holds a position of authority or responsbility similar to that of a mother. She may be your mother by ancestry, adoption, mother in Christ or a missionary mother. To be a missionary mother is a gift more precious than gold and possesses these qualities of motherhood: the symbol of love, in its highest and purest form; the symbol of compassion, patience, long suffering, faith and fortitude. Motherhood, be it by birth, adoption or mother in Christ, is the cardinal point in God's infinite plan, the keystone of His glorious creation, the purest channel of His magnificent handiwork.

I think it must have started long ago — perhaps with Eve — the urge of womankind to feed the hungry that we know of heart and soul and of body and of mind. There is evidence that what Eve may have instituted long ago is still exemplified in the life of a missionary mother.

Today I have a very special Missionary Mother in mind. She is known to some as Mrs. J.A. (J.A.), to others the missionary lady, the special worker, to former students that firm loving teacher, to her children as mother, but I know her as "Mother Little" the dedicated Missionary Mother of Union County, NC.

Carrie ten Boom once said, "Accepting Christ is not an end, but a beginning." There is a second step. We must accept Him as our Lord. Mother Little accepted Christ as a child and He lives victorious in her life. He is her vine and she is the branch, because she knows that to be a branch without a vine has no value at all. When the vine is connected to the branch it has everlasting value and bears fruit. By serving as just a "branch," Missionary Mother Little's life-long ministry to mankind has indeed borne a world-size basket of magnificent fruit.

Mother Little carries on an extensive correspondence, whether by telephone in her living room or on a church pew, with individuals from all walks of life who seek her guidance, inspiration and solace. Her prayers and advice have brought comfort, joy, hope and inspiration in the hard times as well as respect and pride. I, myself, have been inspired by her teaching, faith and belief in God, so inspired that my devotion to God has increased, for she has been the tower of strength and strong force in my spiritual development and I shall always be a child of the king.

Mother Little's deeds speak for her — far more than anything I can write or say about her. She has devoted herself unselfishly to a host of humanitarian causes. Her activities have been so extensive it would almost seem one's lifetime could not encompass them all. Yet, she has found time and energy to serve, to work, to lead, shouldering countless burdens with unfailing good humor and grace. She has prayed with and for numerous persons before and after a major crisis such as illness or one searching for his/her identity. When she visits the hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and private homes of missionary sisters, Christians, friends and sinners, she never leaves before hands are joined in prayer for God's special guidance and blessings for the future.

Her greatest challenges is her investment in young people. As a product of her time, love, dedication, patience and guidance, I can truly say that she met the challenge with the greatest of ease. Her investment can be seen as she has guided the following: Dr. C.C. Craig and Donnie Garris with her encouragement, prayers and Christian influence. She has inspired and helped shape many lives with prayers and contributions enabling them to reach their full potential.

When she was faced with surgery a few years ago and recently with another ailment, she was not concerned about self but whether or not she had laid a firm missionary foundation that would live on when she had gone home to be with the Lord — then her living would not have been in vain.

She never complained about her condition but acted as if to say —

God, widen my vision so I may see
the affliction You have sent me —
Not as a Cross too heavy to bear
That weighs me down in gloomy despair —
Not as something to hate and despise
but a Gift of Love sent in disguise —
Something to draw me closer to You
to teach me Patience and Forbearance, too —
Something to show me more clearly the way
to Serve You and Love You more everyday —
Something Priceless and Precious and Rare
that will keep me forever Safe in Thy Care
Aware of the Spiritual Strength that is mine
if my selfish, small will is lost in Thine!
She is a Missionary Mother More Precious Than Gold.

A Missariony Mother means selfless devotion, limitless sacrifice, and love that passes understanding. When we hear the prophets of gloom talk of the impending degradation of our race, we know that as long as dedicated missionaries, unselfish and generous mothers still rock the cradle and rule the world, high ideals and greatest power in all the world and is more precious than gold. Every good and perfect gift comes from the Lord.

I would like to close with favorite words of Mother Little and I quote:

"Lord, help me live from day to day — In such a self forgetful way that even when I kneel to pray my prayers shall be for others . . .

Help me to live for others that I may live like Thee."

Mother Little, you are loved and appreciated by many and are an inspiration to those whom you come in contact. I've never seen God, but I know how I feel . . . It's people like you, Mother Little, who make Him so real . . . I wish I might meet Him much more than I do . . . I would if there were more Missionary Mothers like you, A Gift More Precious Than Gold.

The visiting writer is a member of Antioch Baptist Church, Monroe, Dr. E.H. Martin, Pastor; the Y.A. Director, Woman's Baptist State Convention and Union County; a Media Specialist, Parkwood Middle School, Monroe.

Dr. Edwards Speaks At First Baptist, Oxford



(Pictured from L to R: Revv. Lacy Joyner, Pastor 1st Baptist; Dr. Luella Edwards, President WH&FMC; and Mrs. G.H. Moore, senior circles President 1st Baptist.)

By Rev. Lacy Joyner
Regional Editor

It was Mission Sunday at First Baptist Church, Oxford on Sunday, March 22, 1987. The president of the senior missionary circle, Mrs. Gracye Hall Moore, presided over the morning worship service. She was assisted by Mrs. Lucille McCoy who read the Litany, Mrs. Bernice Hubbard who read the scripture and the Rev. Lacy Joyner who led the morning prayer and performed the necessary pastoral duties for the general worship. Mrs. Doris Davis and Mrs. Mary Ruth Parker were in charge on the mission offering.

Mrs. Bessye McGee introduced the speaker of the morning, Dr. Luella Dickens Edwards, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Dr. Edwards shared highlights of the duties of her office with the congregation. She alluded to the fact that members of Missionary Baptist churches are ALL missionaries and thus have a commitment to the mission programs of their church. "Every member has an obligation to spread God's word among the churched and the unchurched. We have an obligation to our children. We must teach them the difference between right and wrong. We can no longer leave the rearing of our children to the schools but must take an active role in the church, the home and community in order to create good role models for them."

Referring to the current trends, Dr. Edwards said, "AIDS is no accident! God saw a need to turn man around — A need to make man stop and consider his ways. The drug problem, crime in our streets, the world problems that confront us can be solved through God. God is the answer. HIS WORD: OUR WAY, OUR STRENGTH, OUR DEFENSE."

State Missions

"GBSC Historian Seeks Information"



Rev. Jimmy C. Gilchrist

By Reverend Jimmy C. Gilchrist, Historian

Rev. Jimmy L. Gilchrist, Historian of the General Baptist State Convention is compiling information on the convention. Gilchrist feels the need of the history of our convention to be placed in libraries across the state and around the nation.

The convention has done outstanding work since it was organized in 1867. Many great leaders labored hard in order to keep the convention moving forward. While our convention, is at work meeting the needs of people in the state, nation, and foreign lands, we should be well knowledgeable of where we have come. We can not reach all of our goals unless, we know where we have come from and where we are going. This is one of the reasons I feel a revision in our history is needed. This will also let our present and future generations know our enriched history.

As your Historian, I am asking anyone who has some pertinent information of the history of the convention to forward it to my address, Route 6, Box 36C Lumberton, N.C. 28358.

After compiling this information and publishing a book: **The History of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc.** we plan to sell this book and all proceeds will be given to the convention for our objectives.

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Laymen League News

By President Charles C. Alston



Dr. Charles C. Alston

Calendar of Events 1987

Theme: *"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task"* St. John 4:34-35
Note: Bring Bibles to meetings

13 June	Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board meeting 10 a.m. Community Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.
31 July	Laymen's Summer Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, N.C.
1 August	(153 or more boys (ages 6-18) and adults) Friday afternoon and Saturday morning Arts, crafts, talent show, etc. Bring Bible, 2 sheets, pillow case, etc. for overnight Fee $20 per person includes lodging and meals.
12 September	Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board meeting 10 a.m. First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.
26-27 October	Laymen's League Annual Session (Monday morning-Tuesday noon)
26-31 October	General Baptist State Convention Annual Session — Host church(es) and convention center Fayetteville, N.C.
12 December	Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board meeting 10 a.m. Elevation Bible Church, Raleigh, N.C. "How the Laymen's League plans to operate" Excerpts: (1) Prayer (2) Service (3) Commitment (4) Training (5) Programming and Implementation (6) Enthusiasm (7) Working with the Pastor

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Workshop For Northeastern Of State By Health Program

On May 23, 1987 from 10:00-11:30 a.m., a workshop to introduce area church members to health agencies and health issues dealt with by each agency is to occur at Phillipi Baptist Church in Simpson, N.C. The workshop is open to all area residents. A special invitation is extended to all area churches to send a representative to this special event.

This effort is being coordinated by the Rev. A.C. Batchelor, who is the HHSP Field Worker for the area and also pastor of Phillipi Baptist Church. Rev. Batchelor, who has already instituted weekly exercise and tutorial sessions in his church, is working closely with an advisory committee that is composed of members from at least eight different area churches. Together, they have planned a workshop that will feature presentations from the Cancer Society, the local Health Department, the Mental Health Center, Pitt Memorial Hospital, the Red Cross, Sickle Cell, and Social Services. This will be an excellent time to have your questions about these agencies answered.

Rev. Batchelor states that this is just the beginning. Additional plans for subsequent workshops are being made for the near future.

The experience he has gained in developing new programs at Phillipi Baptist — which he has pastored over the last year — will help direct



Rev. A.C. Batchelor

him in meeting the health needs of his area. He is also very experienced in working with church leaders and the laity of his area through his present role as Director of Christian Education in the Western District Union and as president of the Sunday School and BTU Convention of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association. He also works for N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Should you have a need for assistance in developing health activities in your church, and you live in the Northeastern part of the state, you can call on the Rev. Batchelor at 823-4667 or call the health program at Baptist Headquarters at 821-7467.

STATE MISSION

The Challenges Of State Missions

By Dr. H.L. Mitchell, 1st Vice President GBSC



Dr. H.L. Mitchell

The General Baptist State Convention is fortunate to have a great history and we congratulate Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, and Vice President at Large of the GBSC, for the information that he gave in the February issue of the Baptist Informer. This information is a basis for our dedication to the wonderful heritage that we have. It also helps us to call to memory where we came from, where we are and suggest where we might go from this point in our history.

Now specifically, I want us to give some serious thought to State Missions and its place in the Unified Program. In 1935 when this program was adopted and the first Executive Secretary, Dr. W.C. Somerville, now Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, was appointed, there were some people who did not believe that it would work because they didn't feel that we would willingly give systematically for the Causes of the Convention. I remember very clearly how Dr. C.S. Brown, and some others, contended that it was the best way to build a great Convention and direct our churches to support the Convention, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage. Therefore, Dr. Somerville was given the task to get this message before the people through the ministers, to the churches and various auxiliaries. Gifts were designated in the Unified Program as follows: State Missions 30 percent, Foreign Missions 20 percent, Shaw University 34 percent, 10 percent of which was for the Divinity School and 6 percent for the Central Children's Home. To make this successful it was understood that it would need support throughout the Convention. However, with this system, if it was followed there would be no problem having the necessary money for all of these causes.

A number of our churches have found that this does really work and they have been able to help keep our Convention moving but not nearly as fast as we should move because we are not giving as we can to support these causes. Some churches decided some years ago to tithe, therefore, they give 1/10 of each regular offering to the causes of our Convention and at certain intervals have a special day during the year to emphasize the causes that we support and receive special gifts to support them. If this kind of support is given by all churches there would be sufficient money for Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Office. This would be the ideal situation which Dr. Brown and others visualized when the Unified Program was adopted.

Now, the real challenge that comes to us is State Missions where we find our basis for operation. Without a strong State Missions program we cannot fulfill our obligations to the other Causes. I am therefore suggesting the following:

1. For a strong and efficient State Mission Program we need to give special attention to evangelism. People in our churches and comittees need to keep in mind the fact that there should be continual evangelism so that we can give loyalty and service that is so much needed by Christians in these days. Sane evangelism is the key to dedicated church membership. While revivals are good and evangelist programs have their place, there must be also a continual evangelism program carried on with our ministers and churches. In fact soul saving is an everyday business and with so many ideas before people our churches need to have a oneness of purpose regarding salvation in every community.

2. The second thing that we need for a strong and efficient State Mission Program is Christian Missions. We must have the Mission vision in every church. That is what Baptists are all about. We cannot "go in to all nations" until we have missions in our hearts. Therefore, it is very important that our association and churches have an ongoing mission program that will emphasize missions, for without Christian Missions we cannot follow the mandate given to us by our Saviour and Lord.

3. The third suggestion for a strong State Mission Program is Christian Education. We should never forget that Jesus said "Teach them —." Many of the problems that we have in our churches is not because people are mean, they just do not know, and it may be that we have failed to teach them. In these days when our people are hearing so many voices, Baptists will need a strong clear united voice that can be heard throughout the state. This teaching must be done by people who have been taught and who are dedicated to carry the Great Commission.

Therefore, I am suggesting that in our associations, churches, and all auxiliaries we accept the challenge of State Missions and develop an ongoing program of Evangelism, Missions and Education. This is our immediate task a. ⁴ if we have the faith we need, God w ill help us to have a strong base here in our state that will fulfill the needs of Foreign Missions, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School and the Central Orphanage.

Let us accept this challenge and see that our Baptist Headquarters is supported to the extent there will be no lack of funds to meet the goals that were set by our leaders years ago. Let us also remember that we do not really have financial problems. They can only come when we have spiritual problems. The main theme of Jesus Christ must be the main theme of his preachers and churches, if we are going to proclaim the good news that he once proclaimed. Let us remember that it has always been a tragedy when Christians have gotten away from or made Christian preaching and teaching secondary, or have forgotten it in our church program. There is danger in these days when so many like to be entertained that we overlook these important commands of our Saviour.

Our task is plain, for St. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." — Philippians 4:13.

The Task Of The Sunday School Superintedent Part I

(Part II & III of this article will follow in the June 1987 Informer. I am preparing a special session on Christian Education)

By Dr. Leo William, Jr.
Director of Christian Education GBSC

1. The Superintendent is an Administrator.

The superintendent is elected by a free vote of his church to be the administrator of the church's Sunday School. As superintendent, he faces tasks of leading, organizing, delegating, planning, initiating, evaluating, recruiting, and of course, supervising — all component parts of administration. As is commonly said, administration is "getting things done through other people," and that is precisely the task of the superintendent. His "employees" are the members of his staff — teachers, secretaries, registrars and record keepers, assistant and departmental superintendents, and perhaps a Sunday School Committee.

The superintendent must always keep in mind that he is responsible to the pastor of the church when in the process of making crucial decisions. Therefore, it is advantageous to communicate frequently. It would be a disaster to be in conflict.

Another aspect in the total task of administration is the superintendent's awareness of relationships with other leaders in the church and Sunday School. This awareness should lean toward teamwork. The teamwork approach to administration can never be fully attained, however, until all people involved develop attitudes toward the crucial elements of ministry.

(To be continued in June)

BTU President Wicker Announces:

State Oratorical Contest

By Mrs. Beatrice Branch

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
State Baptist Training Union Congress
1987 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest
To Be Held August 11-13, 1987 at Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. During The Annual Session

Suggested Subjects For Seniors:
1. "Choices Have Consequences"
2. "When Losing Is Winning"
3. "It's All Right To Say No"
4. "Drugs And Teen-Agers"
5. "Immorality Weakens The Body of Christ"
6. "Honoring Our Parents"
7. "The Joy of Salvation"
8. "The Golden Key to Success: Jesus Christ"
9. "Building Christian Homes"
10. "Basic Christian Training"

Suggested Subjects For Juniors:
1. "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
2. "Be Ye Doers of The Word"
3. "Combating Drugs"
4. "Create In Me A Clean Heart"
5. "I Am A Witness For Christ"
6. "Give Your Best To The Master"
7. "Be Sincere"
8. "Promoting Family Worship"
9. "The Body — God's Temple"
10. "Take Time For Christian Living"

Rules:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active in their churches. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students who are active in their churches.

2. Contestants must be certified by their Training Director or Sunday School Superintendent.

3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.

4. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.

5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.

6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges or personal qualities (20), material organization (30), delivery and presentation (30), and overall effectiveness (20).

7. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive a scholarship and certificate of participation: first place $150.00; second place $100.00; and third place $50.00. Scholarship checks are awarded upon the enrollment of the contestant of Shaw University. In case the winner chooses not to attend Shaw University, the funds will be donated to Shaw University in the contestant's name.

8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive plaques of participation. All participants will receive plaques.

Churches, Associations, and District Convention contests should precede the State Congress contest. Churches are encouraged to inspire their young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Correspond with: Mrs. Beatrice Branch, Director of Contest, Route 2, Box 78, Murfreesboro, N.C. 27855.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Lynch Installed As Pastor



Rev. Leonzo D. Lynch

Leonzo D. Lynch has been elected as the seventeenth pastor of the Mount Level Baptist Church, Durham, N.C. He has pastored the following churches in North Carolina: Winn Chapel Baptist Church, Mount Olive and the Rock Spring Baptist Church, Creedmoor, N.C. He is the youngest son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Lynch of Durham. His father is the pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church of Durham and his mother is a librarian in the Durham City Schools. He was Licensed and Ordained by the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham. Rev. Leonzo Lynch is the fifth generation of preachers in his family.

He is a graduate of Durham High School where he was very active. He served as Vice President of the Student Government Association, Drum Major of the marching band for two years, member of the Beta Club and the National Honor Society. He received the Optimist Club Award for Citizenship and the Rotary Club Award for Youth Leadership.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro having received his B.A. with a double major in Religion and Communication with a minor in History. While at UNC-Greensboro, he served many positions including Assistant Secretary of Academics of the Student Government Association, President and Chair of the UNC-G Chapter of the Association of Christian Student Leaders. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Christian Student Leadership Consultation, Atlanta, Ga., and former National Second Vice-President and former Chaplain of the National Association of Christian Leaders, Atlanta, Ga.

He is former Worship Chairman of the Youth Department of the Women's H.&F.M. Convention of North Carolina. He is a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and the Durham Chapter of the NAACP. He is also coordinator of Durham's Annual Pre-City Wide Revival Youth Night.

He is currently a candidate for the Master of Divinity degree (May 1987) from the Divinity School, Duke University, Durham.

The installation services were held Sunday, April 5, 1987 at 3:30 p.m. at Mount Level Baptist Church, 316 Hebron Road (formerly Jim Lyons Road), Durham. The sermon was delivered by his father, Dr. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor of White Rock Baptist, Durham. The public was invited to attend.

Jones Chapel Breaks Ground For New Church

By Dr. Howard D. Davis, Sr., Pastor

Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Jones Road, Laurinburg, realized a dream of many years. The Ground Breaking Ceremony was held for building a new church sanctuary. Members and friends attending the 74th church anniversary were there in large numbers to witness this historic and significant occasion.

Two years ago plans were set in motion under the leadership of the new pastor Dr. Howard D. Davis, Sr. that brought about the fruition of this project. The new structure of 42,000 sq.ft. including a 300 seat main sanctuary; baptistry, front and rear bathrooms; choir seating for approximately 45; pastor's study and a choir room. This building will be connected to the present church structure by a covered breezeway. The completed structure will cost in excess of $150,000.00.

Phase two of the building program at Jones Chapel Church will include converting the present church into a Christian education fellowship hall with updated kitchen and dining facilities.

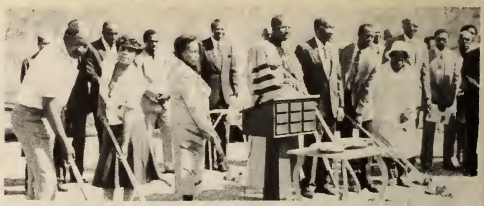
Actual construction of the new building is scheduled to begin early April. Revels Construction Company is the contractor with some financing through Southern National Bank, Laurinburg.

Several committees of the church and the congregation are at work anxiously and prayerfully promoting this building project.

Ground Breaking Ceremony began with a processional from the sanctuary singing, "Amazing Grace." The pastor, Dr. Davis, presided giving opening statements and the selected liturgy of scriptures and responsive readings involving all present.

Remarks appropriate to the occasion were given by Alex Patterson, Chairperson of Deacons; Pauline Armstrong, Churchwomen; James Monroe, Chair of Trustees; and Shawane Kelly, Youth Representative. Remarks were given by Dr. J.J. Johnson, Moderator of the St. John Baptist Association and Speaker for the 74th Church Anniversary. Dr. Rufus Graham, Pastor of Graham Temple, Laurinburg, gave words of commendation and encouragement.

The celebration closed with a building fund offering of $1,021.00, singing, "We've Come This Far By Faith." The Rev. Robert Martin gave the benediction.



Ground Breaking symbolic spade turning participants: L to R: David Ellison, Jr. Finance; Valerie Anderson, Youth; Sis. Wanda John, Young Adults; Dr. Howard Davis, Sr., Pastor; Alex Patterson, Chair of Deacons; James Monroe, Chair of Trustees; and Sis. Mattie Hasty, Charter member.

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Woman's Day At Silver Mount A Success

By Dr. William Lee Jr.
Regional Editor

The ladies of Silver Mount Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C., recently observed their Annual Woman's Day '87. Mrs. Eva Johnson, first vice-president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, was the guest speaker. The ladies used as their theme: "Blooming for Christ." Each of the 12 Ladies Day captains wore a flower that was related to the life of Christ, such as lilies, dogwood, roses, etc. The ladies reported $16,000.00 for the new church building fund. Mrs. Isbella Leak, was honored as "Silver Mount Woman of the Year," Miss Nancy Holloway, was second place and Mrs. Francine Curry was third place.

Mrs. Leone Walker served as the Woman's Day chairperson and Miss Carolyn Straite, co-chairperson.



Looking on at the three top fund-raisers: Dr. William Lee Jr., pastor (left to right) Mrs. Eva Johnson (Woman's Day speaker), Mrs. Leone Walker (chairperson), and Miss Carolyn Straite (co-chairperson). Shown right to left of the pastor: Mrs Isbella Leak, crowned as Woman of the Year, Miss Nancy Holloway (2nd place), and Mrs. Francine Curry, (3rd place).

Shaw University Development Group Receives Reynolds Contribution

By Ms. Delores Mason

RALEIGH, NC — Shaw University has received a $20.834 contribution from R.J. Reynolds Nabisco. Dr. John H. Lucas, interim president of Shaw, announced this week.

The contribution to Shaw was a part of a $250,000 donation from RJR Nabisco to the United Negro College Fund, to be shared by the UNCF's 43 member institutions nationwide. Shaw University is a member institution.

Dr. Lucas, in announcing the RJR Nabisco gift, said the entire University family was grateful for the contribution. "The Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students of Shaw are thankful for this generous gift," he said.

Dr. Lucas added that he is hopeful that the RJR Nabisco gift will encourage other corporations to respond similarly to the financial needs of the school.

RJR Nabisco is the nation's largest contributor to UNCF-member colleges and universities. The company has given more than $2 million to UNCF to date and has already announced plans to give another $1 million to the organization. That amount will be paid in four annual installments beginning this year.

Fund-raiser Addresses Shaw

RALEIGH — Dr. Robert Spinks, director of development for the Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, told members of the Shaw University Development Committee, that it must make sure its public understands the institution's mission and be prepared to go after large gifts if its fundraising efforts are to be successful.

Spinks was invited to address the panel by Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman of the university's Board of Trustees. The committee is gearing to launch a major fund drive.

"There is plenty of money to go around," Spinks reminded committee members, adding that the problem is that the money is not distributed as evenly as it should be. In 1985, philanthropists, corporations and foundations gave in excess of $53 billion to various organizations. Of that amount 45 percent was directed toward religious entities.

Spinks said organizations in need of funds have to ask if they are to receive an adequate share of charitable contributions. He added that "good management, academic excellence and public relations are basic to fundraising."

Spinks said trustees are key in accomplishing those by their personal giving, making sure the school's mission is clearly defined for the public, approving only top administrators for the institution, evaluating performance and building bridges between the campus and the community. The school must be a priority to each trustee, Spinks said.

"Then you must put yourself in a position to receive a gift," Spinks said. "You must say to prospective donors, 'If you help Shaw, you are making an investment that will reap a great reward.' "



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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

New Hope Association Hosted Black History Weekend

By Rev. Brenda B. Roach, Youth Advisor, New Hope Union

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Apex, North Carolina, member church of the New Hope Association, hosted its annual Black History Weekend Workshop February 13-15. The 1987 theme was "Roots: In Search of Kith and Kin" focused on the importance of the family.

The weekend events commenced on Friday evening with "Tracing Your Roots." New Hope youth were the target group for this program and were given a segment of the program to share with the audience their individual future aspirations and the names of the people who most influenced them in their decisions. More often than not that influential person was a family member.

The program next featured Montrose Cones, guest artist from Washington, D.C. Ms. Cones, coordinator of the Smithsonian Institute's Career Awareness Program performed a one-woman show depicting three black women from different historical periods. Ms. Cones had a unique style of narration between characterizations. She cited regional historical facts, explained her research methods and how her characters were created, and throughout the performance she solicited audience participation. Ms. Cones' informal style and the use of props and exhibits kept her audience captive. An extended discussion followed her performance.

Saturday opened with a session on "How to Trace Your Roots" moderated by Mrs. Jenise Lowe. Mrs. Lowe, a New Hope member, explained how she constructed her own family tree going back seven generations.

The topic was expanded further by Dr. Barnette McGhee White, Professor of Education at North Carolina Central University and author of **In Search of Kith and Kin: The History of a Southern Black Family.** Dr. White, an excellent speaker, discussed the intricacies of her own genealogical search and enlightened the audience with stories of her family.

Activities continued in the church's fellowship hall with pictorial exhibits of family trees of New Hope church members and the tasting of a variety of delicious old family dishes. Cloyce Lassiter, a member of the well known Williams Family of Chatham County, moderated the last session on "How to Organize a Family Reunion." Topics discussed were activities planning, food preparation and family photography.

The Black History Weekend Workshop concluded with Sunday Morning Worship. Reverend Harold Wallace, Vice Chancellor for University Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill delivered the message. A strong and dynamic speaker, Reverend Wallace spoke on the continuation of the Civil Rights Movement and the need for active participation by churches. Reverend Wallace emphasized our Christian duty to join the fight against poverty, provide educational support to our youth, help our elderly and in general, to love our neighbors.

All activities of this busy and informative weekend were videotaped for the church's library. Anyone interested in obtaining the videotape should contact Dr. Marcus V. Ingram, pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Route 3, Box 229D, Apex, North Carolina 27502.

Watts Chapel Celebrated



(Left to right: Dr. Weaver and Dr. Edwards). Watts Chapel Baptist Church celebrated their 111th Church Anniversary on March 22. The Rev. Dr. C.R. Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C., was guest minister. An old-fashioned dinner was served after the service. Dr. Frank B. Weaver is pastor.

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Pastors Receive Diploma In Pastoral Ministries

By Dr. William Lee Jr. Regional Editor

Charlotte — The Metrolina Seminary Extension Center of Charlotte, N.C., recently held its 6th Annual Fellowship and Graduation Service at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, March 17, 1987 — Dr. Leon C. Riddick, host pastor and senior instructor.

Dr. Corbin Cooper, director of the Cooperative Ministries and Seminary Extension Department of North Carolina from Raleigh, N.C., conducted the graduation exercise. He presented the distinguished "Diploma in Pastoral Ministries" from Shaw Divinity School Seminary Extension Department of Raleigh, N.C., to the following persons: Rev. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church, Rev. J.A. Cuthbertson, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Rev. R.H. Leak, pastor of New St. John Baptist Church, all of Charlotte, N.C.

The three graduates spent seven years of study under the senior instructor Dr. L.C. Riddick, thus completing 324 hours of in class study.

Dr. Leon C. Riddick delivered the sermon. Mount Carmel Baptist Church Choir, under the direction of Miss Beverly Walker along with the 50-voice minister's choir of the center, rendered the music.

The service was attended by more than 500 of well wishers who gave donations to help the center to continue its program that is so needed to help those pastors and ministers who cannot leave home to attend school, because of time as well as money.

The Metrolina Center has about 65 pastors and ministers in study, which makes it the largest of the more than 80 such centers in North Carolina.

Rev. William Lee Jr., director; Mrs. Betty C. Potts, secretary; Dr. Leon C. Riddick, senior instructor; Rev. Fred Gibson, teacher; Rev. Jerry Sanders, teacher; Mrs. Bessie Wilbon, English instructor; Mrs. Elizabeth Steger, English instructor; and Professor Harvey Shropshire, Hebrew and Greek instructor.



Shown left to right: Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, Rev. William Lee Jr., Rev. J.A. Cuthbertson, Rev. R.H. Leak and Dr. Leon C. Riddick.

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JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

14-16 State Usher's Annual Session, Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E.W. Wooten, Pastor

18 All-Baptist Picnic, Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill, N.C.

20-23 Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem, N.C.

20 Woman's Convention Executive Board Meeting (During Convention)

August

3-7 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Houston, TX.

11-13 Sunday School & BTU Congress Annual Session, Shiloh, Winston-Salem, FAMILY PRAYER MONTH — WFFMC

31-Sept. 4 Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.

President Thanks Convention

First let me thank God and each of the Moderators, Pastors, Officers, Members and Friends of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. for the positive support and overwhelming responses that we received during our One Day Session held at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C. Special thanks are appropriate for Pastor Thomas Walker of the host church. He and the Ebenezer Baptist Church Family were beautiful and gracious hosts. They provided us with excellent accommodations and were available for our every need. Dr. Thomas Walker is one of our outstanding General Baptist Pastors. He serves on the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners; Chairman of the Edgecombe-Nash Black Political Caucus; and is nationally known as a religious musical artist.



By Dr. J.B. Humphrey, GBSC President

I would like to thank Dr. C.C. Craig; Dr. Leo Williams; Reverend Archie D. Logan Jr.; Reverend Theodore Breeden, and the other members of our headquarters staff. I was impressed by the hard work, long hours, spirited attitude of our staff members. Dr. Craig has unofficially reported to me that we raised $69,287.66 during the Session.

My most fulfilling experience during the Session was sharing in the wholesome religious "spirit" that was present. Not only did we carry out our business **decently and in order** but there was a UNIFIED FELLOWSHIP, "bless be the tie that binds us together in love and unity." Again thank you for your support and your financial sacrifices. May God continue to bless each of you.

GBSC Recognizes Christian Education

President Humphrey Designates June Christian Education Month

The Task of the Sunday School Teacher

By Dr. Leo Williams, Jr.

First let me thank President Humphrey for designating June Christian Education Month. I am honored to serve as guest editor of **The Baptist Informer.** I especially thank Interim Editor Reverend Archie Logan, Jr. for helping to plan this edition.

1. Recognize the Glory of the Task

The task of teaching is what you make it. It can be a burdening routine which buries you under the debris of detailed duties, or it can be a romance which thrills you to your very fingertips as you analyze the manner in which God is using you to shape the coming generations through the lives of the pupils who sit at your feet.

Your attitudes as teachers will determine in large measure your effectiveness in Bible instruction.

Who has greater opportunity to sway the future than a God called, church-elected, Spirit-filled Sunday school teacher? It is a task near to the example of Christ and near to the heart of God.

For that reason every Sunday school teacher in the land is charged to be constantly aware of the unparalleled privileges that belong to him so that his achievements might match Christ's ideal. A Sunday school teacher should draw in his or her heart and mind a picture of Christ the ideal teacher, then apply each individual trait of character and life in that ideal to his own daily living and weekly instruction.



Dr. Leo Williams, Jr.
Director Christian Education GBSC

Teaching is the molding of thoughts, and thoughts shape life. What child will be he is now becoming and that very rapidly. By implanting proper thoughts and giving wise guidance, the teacher is not only influencing today but is giving shape to tomorrow's tomorrow as well.

If you are one who has a tendency to doubt the power of the teacher, it would be well for you to study anew the efforts of the dictators and demogogues of history to control the schools of their lands. He who holds the classroom of today controls tomorrow's day.

Jesus magnified teaching by being a master teacher. He is our inspiration as well as our example. He was the great preacher and leader, but he never allowed those noble ministries to crowd out his teaching.

Teaching and preaching are so interrelated that they are almost inseparable. Let it be said by way of tribute that good teachers in Sunday school classes do much to make preaching more effective in the worship services that follows.

2. Be Positively Evangelistic

Aside from one's parents, there are few people inside or outside of the church who have closer contact with the pupil than the Sunday school teacher. The teacher should capitalize on this privilege of such close association, and fully use that position to seek to win the pupil to Christ. Consciously and consistently make this the first burden of your heart and the first objective of your classroom work.

It is not enough to teach pupils about Jesus. Pupils can be taught every deed in the life of Christ, every miracle that he performed, and every sermon that he ever preached; but unless those same pupils come to know him in personal experience; the teacher had failed miserably in his/her teaching.

The first task of every Sunday school teacher is to guide the pupil to a personal acceptance of Christ, and it is only then that the principles of Christ, can be applied to the life of the pupil. When one comes to know Jesus Christ in faith and love, he then has little difficulty understanding and heeding the message of our Lord.

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions and Unions:

Our gratitude and salutation go out to you for your dedicated support and cooperation that you gave during the Mid-Year Session of our General Baptist State Convention. Our Mid-Year Session was truly a mountain top experience. We were blessed, helped and inspired to do a bigger and better job under the Lordship of Him who has called us to serve the common good in the interest of humanity.

Many thanks to you for your financial contributions during the session which amounted to: $69,287.66. Your financial gifts will help our Convention honor its commitment to the objectives and other causes. Our financial record indicated at the Mid-Year Session, that we are a long way behind in our financial obligations. However, with your continued support, we will move forward in a progressive way in an effort to fulfill our obligations to the objectives and the payments of our notes at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank as well as our financial obligations that we have to the Building Fund.

As we move from where we are to where we need to go in regard to the close of our fiscal year ending August 31, 1987, we strongly urge you to follow the **time table schedule for the following three months agenda:**

June — Shaw University Month

July — Foreign Missions and Shaw Divinity School Month

August — State Missions and the Central Children's Home Month

Shaw University has, as you know, confronted a terrifying financial crisis. The situation has improved, but it is incumbent upon us to support our school in a way so as to avoid such crisis. We have sent to each church a suggested quota for the fiscal year 1986-87. We are asking and urging sincerely that all of our churches will send the total balance of their suggested quota for Shaw University during the month of June. I cannot stress too strongly the urgency of this request. If Shaw is to become viable, it must have strong support from our churches.

The next major concern on the agenda is emphasizing during the month of July, financial support for Foreign Missions and Shaw Divinity School. Contributing to Foreign Missions is one way of responding to the great commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations —,"

The support for Shaw University Divinity School is support for much needed training for our ministers as well as training for our Baptist Churches. A church cannot rise any higher than its leader. We urge all churches to send the balance of their quotas for Foreign Missions and Shaw Divinity School during the month of July 1987.

For the final month of our Fiscal Year, we are calling our churches to emphasize State Missions and the Central Children's Home and send the balance of their quotas for State Missions and the Central Children's Home.

The Baptist Headquarters is the coordinating center for the churches that function under the umbrella of the General Baptist State Convention. Without your financial support, it cannot function. That is why State Missions is so important. Emphasizing State Missions during the month of August will enable the Headquarters to continue to serve in the present and future as it has done for the past more than one hundred years.

We ask you to remember also during the month of August the Central Children's Home. The orders of the master state the case much better than I can — "In as much as you did it to the least these, my brethren, you did it to me." Our direction for the final months of the fiscal year, June, July and August is clear. The implementation of it will depend upon you.

Knowing your past efforts in regard to the objectives of our great Convention, I am sure that your response will be positive. Let me thank you for it in advance.

The Bible: A Book About Giving

God's Gift Of Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). We exist because God gave life in creations. God is the starting point for every thought, especially our giving.

God Provides For Identity And Purpose

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" (Gen. 1:26).

Not only did God give us physical bodies, He gave us permanent identity by making us in His image and likeness. Since we are made in the image of God, our purpose is to be the image of God in the world. We are God's representatives, and managers of His world.

God Gave Us Work To Do

Then the Lord God took the men and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it (Gen. 2:15).

The first job God gave to people was universal for everyone. The work assignment was to nurture and protect all of God's creation. This assignment is as important today as ever. We are responsible for good ecology, conservation and management of material things.

God Gives Us The Ability To Work

Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who give you power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18).

Both mental and physical strength are gifts from God. Our livelihood depends on work, but the skills we possess are divine gifts.

God Taught His People To Give

You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year (Deut. 14:22).

The law which instructed the Hebrews how to live in relation to God and to one another included directions for giving. Giving ten percent of the increase of crops and animals provided for the Levites, priests and temple functions. A tithe provided for the holy feasts when the people worshipped God. A third year tithe provided help for people in need.

God Expects Us To Give

Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, "In what way have we robbed you?" In tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:8).

God often gave His word to His people through the prophets. Malachi's message dealt with the nation's rejection of God. The prophect catalogued their sins: false worship, corrupt priests, infidelity, refusal to give to God. Refusing to give was one of many indications that the people had turned from God. Christians who do not give also reveal other problems in their relations to God.

God Gave His Son For Our Sins

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

God's gift of life in creation is tremendous. His gift of new life through His Son is beyond description. In Christ, our reason for giving is enlarged. The Hebrews gave to worship God, to support temple functions, and to help their own people who were poor. Our giving is worship, too. But when we give, it is not for our own benefit; it is to minister to all people in all of the world for God; to win others to faith in Christ and to help meet their physical needs.

Jesus Enables Us To Have A Giving Nature

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you (Luke 6:38).

This is not a "give to get" promise. It deals with our nature. Since it is our nature as Christians to give, we inspire others to give. Thus, if we have needs, others will help us meet them just as we help other people meet their needs. Christians who do not give contradict their nature.

God Directs Christian Giving

On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come (I Cor. 16:2). So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7).

The reason for Christian giving is to reach the world for Christ. The urgency for Christians to give is great. As Paul established churches in the first century, he instructed them to give weekly for the collection he was taking for the persecuted Jerusalem Christians. Likely reflecting on Jesus' teaching, "To whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more (Luke 12:48), Paul expected the Corinthians to give in proportion to God's giving to them, and to give cheerfully.

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."

(II Corinthians 6:7)

Editorial

From The Editor's Desk

By Leo Williams Jr.
Guest Editor

The work of a pastor has no parallel. He is the undershepherd of Him who is the great, the good, the chief Shepherd. To accomplish the end for which Christ purchased the church should be the heart's desire of every pastor.

The Pastor God-Called and Commissioned:

Men choose professions; God calls preachers.

1. God calls his servants to preparation.
2. God calls his servants to preach.
3. The call of the pastor is to increase the flock.
4. The call of the pastor is to shepherd the flock.
5. The call of the pastor is to teach.

The Pastor's Responsibility:

1. Pastors are responsible for reaching people.
2. The pastor is responsible for an organization best suited for reaching the most people.
3. The pastor is responsible for trained workers.
4. The pastor should know Sunday school work.
5. The pastor is responsible for keeping the Sunday school properly related to the church.
6. The pastor should pray for his Sunday school.

Some Temptations a Pastor Will Face:

Some churches have been handicapped because the pastors were led to compromise their conventions. Some of the most common temptations of the pastor are as follows:

1. To leave the responsibility of the Sunday school with the superintendent.
2. To try to operate the Sunday school without a weekly officers and teacher's meeting.
3. To neglect training a supply of workers.
4. To fear to attempt a building program.
5. To take the easy way.

The Relationship of Pastor and Sunday School:

1. He is pastor of the Sunday school.
2. He helps select the officers and teachers.
3. He and his officers and teachers are co-laborers.

The Pastor Will Find the Sunday School Is Adequate

1. To locate the people to be reached.
2. To enlist most of the people in Bible study.
3. To teach the Scriptures.
4. To win the lost to Christ.
5. To build the Sunday morning congregation.
6. To build a great financial program in the church.
7. To keep in touch with and use the people.
8. To build a great church.
9. To start new work.

The Pastor Must Determine to Use the Sunday School

1. Use the Sunday school in perennial evangelism.
2. Use the Sunday school in special revival efforts.
3. Use the Sunday school in Vacation Bible School work.

The pastor will find it profitable to lead, perhaps through the Superintendent, in the proper organization of the Sunday school, forming new classes and additional departments as they are needed. He will want to see that the Sunday school is graded. He will desire to lead in planning for and promoting regular visitation. It will be necessary for him to see that a good weekly officers and teachers' meeting is conducted.

The sharpest blade cuts the most grain. It is no light thing to handle and rightly divide the God-breathed Word, which in itself is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Pastors should not stop short nor sell themselves short of the best preparation. The price of preparation must be paid or the church will be handicapped. The flock has the right to expect the shepherd to provide it with food and pasturage.

The Bible, which is the chart and compass of the moral and spiritual life of the people, should be rightly divided to them by the preacher. There is no substitute for the gospel; it is the power of God.

One pastor said, "There is nothing in God's world I would rather be than a pastor preacher. It has its price in agony of sweat and tears, and no calling has such joys and heartbreaks, but it is a calling angels might covet; and I thank God that of his grace he called me into the ministry."

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always to the close of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (Revised Standard Version)

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



"Christian Education:

A Religious Learning Experience"

I want to thank Dr. Leo Williams Jr. for serving as guest editor of the **Baptist Informer** this month. Christian Education is one of the most important areas in the life of a General Baptist Church. Beginning in the biblical period we find instances where people sought to know more about God and their religious life. In the Old Testament the synagogue developed as a local center of worship and instruction, where the adult Jewish community learned the "Torah." In the New Testament Jesus instructs us to "Go into all the world and teach." From this beginning through the Patristic Period, the Medieval Period, the Reformation, and the early American Sundy School Movement we can find historical rootage in our present General Baptist Christian Education program.

Christian Education encompasses the entire teaching/learning experience in the life of the church. Paul states that we must "grow in Grace." Religious learning is an on-going process of spiritual growth toward maturity in Jesus Christ. The fundamental concept in Christian Education is the word "Christian." We have a responsibility as Christians to God to "study, to show ourselves approved."

As President of the General Baptist State Convention I have become concerned about what is being "taught" in our churches. We have strayed from the doctrines, beliefs, norms, customs and traditions of the Missionary Baptist Church. Our pastors, officers, and members are being influenced by every WIND OF DOCTRINE that comes through our church doors. Many of our churches have begun to imitate, duplicate, and mimic other denominations and some cults. Many of our pastors, officers, and members are sending and spending money on PTL, Jerry Farwell, Oral Roberts, Reverend Ike, and others. Many of us have neglected our own Christian Education Programs and we study any "religious track" we can find.

I believe in "Religious Freedom;" however, it is our responsibility as Missionary Baptist Christians to first know what we believe and not what everybody else believes. We need to understand the history and heritage of our denomination: What makes Missionary Baptist unique? Why do we believe what we believe? What is General Baptist Doctrine?

Christian Education gives us an opportunity to develop church and Convention curriculum that meet the needs of our members and denomination. As a Missionary Baptist it is important that you encourage Christian education in your church. Several important resources that each church should strive for in developing a Christian Education Program are: a Church library, Director of Christian Education, educational facilities, adequate and up-to-date teaching materials, workshops for teachers and superintendents. I hope to see you all at the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Christian Education, August 11-13, 1987 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor.

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

Our Mission

By Executive Secretary Brodie



For this fiscal year have we been observing the theme, "His Word: Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense." Our Woman's Convention realizes that God's Word is the source for missionary directions, and in keeping with this theme we have sought through our institutes to relate to the doctrine of the laity in showing that the Church's mission, the ministry of reconciliation, is God's assignment for every believer but through different functions. However, at our annual session in July in Winston-Salem, we shall begin the observance of the new theme, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task." Also at this session will you receive names of the books to be used during our conventional year.

Let us not forget that we have pledged our support to our objectives and that, in round numbers, the following funds are needed so that the goals will be realized: Foreign Missions, $10,000; Central Children's Home, $18,000; Shaw University, $23,000; Shaw Divinity School, $20,000; State Missions, $188,000; Baptist Assembly, $7,000, resulting in a total balance of $266,000. We are now in the tenth month and have not realized one half of the financial budget, thus we can see that we to need pray, work hard, and give sacrificially so that we do not fail those who depend upon us.

Reminders

Missions Prayer Day. Please attend the prayer service for missions which is to be sponsored by your County Union on Saturday, June 27. If you have not heard of this day, please contact your president of the union. If the president or special worker has not received free prayer materials from the Woman's Convention office, please contact us immediately for your free copy of the material. Should the county union not participate, individual churches may band together and share in this effort. It is hoped that all services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and that all counties will be in a concerted effort of prayer in times like these.

National Baptist Convention (USA) Pre-Registration. The Woman's Convention Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., along with the parent body, will convene in Houston, Texas. If you desire to pre-register, please send to our office to secure the personal enrollment registration card (state president, district president, national officers, etc.) and/or the organization enrollment blank (district, local circle, etc.) as soon as possible. Please return the filled out pre-registration form(s) along with the funds to this office by July 16. Make your check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, and these funds will be sent for you to them from our office.

Pre-Convention Musical. The musical is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. July 19, 1987, at Galilee Baptist, Winston-Salem, the host church.

Banquet. Please secure banquet tickets now so that the correct number can be given to the food service agency.

Thirty-Third Annual Forsyth County Missionary Mass Meeting

The 34th annual Forsyth County Missionary Training Institute was held April 27-May 1, at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Evelena Clayborn, chairman and Dr. Berthenia Horne, director, led the institute in each night's sessions. Music director was Miss Barbara Benson.

Nightly classes were held from 7 until 9 with the following leaders: Dr. K.O. P. Goodwin, Senior Missionary Workers; Mrs. Addie Davis, Young Adults; Mrs. Chloris Shore and Mrs. Elizabeth Penn, Youth; Dr. John Flemming, Sunday School; Attorney J.L. Lassiter, Deacons; Rev. Ray Watlington, Ushers; Rev. B.F. Daniels, B.T.U.

The Wednesday night inspirational message was delivered by the Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church. His message was centered around the general theme, "Christian Stewardship — A Way of Life." The closing program on Friday evening was sponsored by the Youth Department. Following the program, class leaders gave five minute talks on the week's work in his/her class.

Over 1100 persons attended the week long session.

Soloists during the week were Mrs. Hortense Flemming and Mrs. Willie Jordan Williams.

This is an annual spring institute that is sponsored each year by the Forsyth County Missionary Union. Mrs. Clara Hayes is Union President.

First Baptist Missionary President Honored

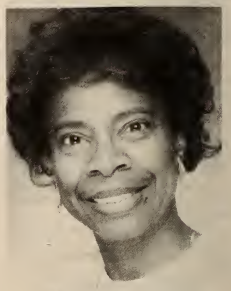
By A.D. Logan, Jr.
Interim Editor

Mrs. Clayborn is president of the Missionary Department of the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, where she also serves as program chairman of the Women's Progressive Club of the church, a Sunday school teacher, member of the church Long-Range Planning Committee, member of the Board of Christian Education, and the Fellowship Tea Committee.

She was awarded the plaque and honored as First Baptist "Women of the Year for 1987" during the annual Women's Day in March.

In the community, she is First Baptist Chairman of "Meal on Wheels," president of the Y-Activities Club, treasurer of the Les Ames Club, member of the 25th Street Community Club, and one of the R.J.R. representatives for the United Way.

She is the mother of a daughter, Valeria, who is a medical student at Chapel Hill-UNC, and a son, John, Jr.



Mrs. Evelena Clayborn

WBH & FMC Notice

Mrs. Nancy Young, our Music Director, is asking all persons who plans to sing in the choir during the Annual Session in Winston-Salem to please bring white choir robes.

WBH & FMC Ministers' Wives Retreat

LAUREL HILL — The Ministers' Wives Fellowship of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina held its seventh annual retreat, Saturday, May 2, at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Chairperson C.W. Hamright, presiding. There were approximately sixty-five ministers' wives present.

The retreat opened with devotion, being led by Mrs. Renee Montgomery and others from Shelby. Dr. Luella Edwards, president of the Convention, gave greetings.

The Consultant, Mrs. Belinda K. Grant, Shelby, was presented. She spoke from the theme, "The Minister's Wife, Affirming Personhood" for the first session. After lunch she continued her presentation and Door Prizes were given and then the Prayer Circle and dismissal.

Persons attending the retreat felt that the discussions were lively and informative and left feeling that they had received a beneficial experience. If you, ministers' wives, did not attend, please plan to attend the first Saturday in May, 1988. for the retreat is a treat you do not want to miss.

WBH & FMC 17th Annual State-Wide Leader's Workshop

By Ms. Augusta White

In spite of the snow flurries and the rain, leaders from across North Carolina crowded into the Civic Center in Raleigh for the 17th Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

Following an impressive devotional service, President Edwards greeted the leaders and expressed appreciation for seeing such a large group in attendance in spite of the inclement weather.

Dr. Brodie expressed thanks to all of the pastors and members of the Woman's Convention for all the prayers, interest, and support given in helping the Convention meet its spiritual and financial goals. Information was given for the Annual Convention scheduled for July and for the other activities to be held in June.

President Edwards coordinated the workshop sessions and asked all presidents to attend sessions being taught by the Vice Presidents; the Vice Presidents were asked to attend sessions being taught by the Past Presidents. Secretaries were taught by Mrs. Jettie Mae Lucas, Special Workers by Mrs. Bernice Artis, District Conference Chairpersons by Mrs. Hazel McLean and the Year-Round Committees Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons by Mrs. Ethel Rhodes.

In each of the sessions the leaders were given interpretations of their roles in the respective office they held.

Mrs. Eva Johnson, First Vice President, stated the primary objective of the president was to motivate the membership in becoming a dynamic spiritual organism, empowered by the Holy Spirit in winning lost souls and rendering service to the needed. The president should cooperate fully with the structural program of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, and make use of its rich resources for their leadership of evangelizing, witnessing, recruiting, program planning, financial giving and support. This objective shall be implemented to the fullest as the president becomes more dedicated to the Holy Word, a daily talk with God, and her duties as a qualified Christian leader, who understands how, where and when to use her styles of **Tells, Persuades, Consults, Joins** and **Delegates** for different situations. She keeps her authority flexible enough to allow group freedom. The work load is shared by the whole membership, realizing that the pastor is the KEY person and serves as an overseer for our missionary endeavors.

Mrs. Robbie Diggs, Immediate Past Third Vice President, gave her group the three department **structure**

Seniors — 36 yrs. and up
Young Adults — 31-35
Youth — Birth — 20.

Prayer is essential in all activities. The pastor is the Key person in all of our departments.

A president of local circle must study God's word, convention materials. When we begin working for the Lord, we shall inherit eternal life. After 35 where do we go? If persons are failing to move up, have a Promotion Day. Give a certificate to members as they are promoted.

Use the **Missionary Helper** as a guide, use the Bible, and other good books. Presidents are presidents for the whole group.

Mrs. Novella Whitted, Fourth Vice President, stated that as leaders we must proclaim God's Holy name in our daily living and allow His Holy word to direct our pathway, enhance our own physical and spiritual strengths then build upon a solid foundation as our defense in fighting the devil and his adversaries. Make use of the **Handbook and Study Guide, The Missionary Helper** and the Bible. Refer to the duties of the circle president in the Handbook and Study Guide.

Mrs. Maggie White, Third Vice President reminded her class that being members of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention's leaders, as well as members, is unique and you should feel responsible for helping the convention function properly.

The teaching of missions is significant in the life of the convention. The major resource of the, local church, county union, auxiliary, districts is spent in helping the members realize their responsibility for people of the world as well as for persons in the community served by the convention. In the teaching of mission, persons are led to explore with growing enthusiasm redemption for all men.

Every person called to be a Christian must recognize the mission's implications; there are always opportunities for a person to share the story of the gospel, to pray for missions, to give to missions and to minister to people.

Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, past president and executive secretary-treasurer, taught the session for the First Vice President. She stated that Christian work is something more than furnishing food, clothing and shelter. It is also teaching men of God, of sin, of love and justice. Enlistment is a means of Christian work to invite men, women, boys and girls to hear the word of God and to study His Word.

The duties of the Second Vice President was taught by **Dr. Georgia Turner,** past president. She instructed the Second Vice Presidents to send their quarterly report to the county or city union. In order to be an effective and spiritual second vice president, study to show thy self approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15). Work with the president in carrying the activities of the missionary circle.

Third Vice Presidents were taught by **Dr. Thelma C. Horton,** immediate past president.

1. Examine his/her attitude and action, measuring them with God's word.

2. Learn what the Woman's Convention has to say about your duties.

3. Learn how to relate the Woman's Convention's program to the local church and to Christianity in its larger prospective. "Listen with the ears of God that we may speak the word of God." The third vice president must be sensitive to the opportunities to serve and witness to those who are broken, hurt and need our help. We must become involved in poverty programs, community improvement efforts, and actions, such as food and clothes closets; tutors for non-readers and educating deprived children; drug users; unwed mothers and fathers; troubled youth; abused children; prisoners, street people. We must be willing to reach out and touch.

Fourth Vice Presidents were led in discussion by **Dr. J.B. McLester,** past president. The Fourth Vice Presidents are the stewardship chairpersons. The basic Bible plan of giving is promoted by the Woman's Convention. In the Bible we find His way of operation and the scripture for our defense. God is in charge of all possessions our life and resources.

Mrs. Jettie Mae Lucas, Secretary of the Woman's Convention, instructed the secretaries and treasurers to keep good records. The treasurer should keep accurate financial records of all income and disbursements. The secretary should keep records of all meetings both regular and called meetings.

Mrs. Hazel McLean worked with the District Conference Chairpersons. The purpose of the One Day District Conference is to bring together missionary leaders and workers over a large area to study the work, and plan together, so that there may be unity in the missionary work in the local churches, in the district, thus making it possible and convenient for local leaders to study the Woman's Convention program with *State Leaders.* All cannot attend the annual sessions of the Woman's Baptist State Convention; therefore, the District Conference gives access to all to have a part in the work of the Convention.

The One Day District Conference is really a small convention. It provides the type of program in our district that will show our Convention objectives and our Saviour's plan of work. it emphasizes the "Platform of the Convention," and "Christ in Every Home," the motto.

The counties that make up the districts are integral parts of the total convention program.

Departmental highlights were given by Mrs. Julias McDonald, Young Adult Director, and Mrs. Elfreida Brooks, Youth Supervisor.

Reverend George Battle, pastor of **Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rocky Mount,** was presented for the message. His subject was "God's Word for Christian Leadership." "There is no Christianity without Christ. God's word is the key for Christian leaders. Study to show thyself approved unto God."

Music was furnished by the Mt. Olive Choir, Rocky Mount.

President Aurelia Downey, Banquet Orator For Woman's Convention



Dr. Aurelia Downey

On Monday, July 20, 1987, at 6 p.m., the Woman's Convention will host its 14th Annual Pre-Convention Banquet in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center.

Dr. Aurelia R. Downey, a native of McKennly, Virginia, will be the featured orator. Dr. Downey is a recipient of the B.S. degree from Virginia State College and the MRE degree from Southern Baptist Seminary. In 1971 American Bible College conferred the degree Doctor of Humanities upon her, and in 1983 Virginia Seminary and College, also conferred the degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

She is the recipient of many honors and citations. Among these are the invitation to deliver one of the messages for Jimmy Carter's Presidential Inauguration, the "Certificate of Appreciation" given by the Smithsonian Institution, and "Woman of the Year" bestowed upon her by the Shiloh Baptist Church Washington, D.C. She is listed in "Who's Who Among Personalities of the South," "Who's Who Among Black Americans," and "Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era."

Dr. Downey has taught in Week-Day Religious Education School of Huntington, West Virginia; and has served as a consultant for the Educational Ministries, American Baptist Church, U.S.A. (Division of Christian Higher Education).

At the present, she is President of the Nannie H. Burroughs School, Inc., Washington, D.C.

She is a widow and has three children: Reverend W. Temple Richie, Sr., pastor of Union Baptist Church, Montclair, New Jersey; Ms. Gloria E. McCoy, a teacher in the Washington, D.C., Public School System; and Ms. Willistine Betts, a Business Manager Major.

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Sermon of the Month

"Leadership"

By Dr. Henry Lyons,
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Dr. Henry J. Lyons

(Editor's Note: This address was given during the One Day Session of the GBSC held May 5-6, 1987, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C. Dr. Thomas Walker, Pastor.)

THE BASIS OF LEADERSHIP

Christian teaching and leadership never occurs in vacuum. It is never a matter of mere technique (although methods are always important), for how a leader functions ultimately depends upon some theology — some view of God and man. A leader's perception of his leader role and of himself personally is intimately connected with his understanding of God and his image of man. If, for example, he lives in an awareness of the presence and power of God's spirit, he will seek a method of leadership which will open his group or class to this experiential awareness. He will not strain, like some religious atlas, or **make** his learners or members see things his way. He will not feel that it all depends on him. Rather, his approach to leadership will be that of one who expects that both he and his group members are being sustained and met by a power and grace not their own. Similarly, he will be open to being surprised — meaning, literally, taken from above — by creative insights and understanding appearing in the midst of the group search, and often from the least likely sources! In his attitudinal stance he will be able to take the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers in a radically serious way. His method of group leadership will express this conviction.

Each of us has experienced the renewal of leading or participating in a group which at least in some moments has approached this ideal of Christian leadership. Yet we must also remember another kind of encounter with groups when the members were jockeying for position, trying to push through some hidden agenda, whispering hostile asides, and defensively justifying themselves "by their works." Or sometimes it was the leader or the teacher who dominated all like a kind of god, suffocating newborn ideas by tired cliches, and subtly rejecting those persons whose ideas and plans did not conform to his understanding and expectation. Sometimes, no doubt, we can even recognize this insecure, destructive pattern in our own group leadership! At such moments our Christian realism should stand us in good stead. We are not astonished when we catch ourselves professing high ideals and doctrines but unconsciously contradicting them in our actual teaching or leadership, for the apostle Paul observed a long time ago, "The good I would I do not; that which I would not, I do." Leaders, in their functioning, can be destructive, even when they are consciously intend to be creative. We may say that at such moments we are "subprised" (to coin a word) — we are taken from below!

THE SERVANT AS LEADER

The servant-leader is servant first — as Leo was portrayed. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve **first.** Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is **leader** first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions. For such it will be a later choice to serve — after leadership is established. The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature.

The leader needs more than inspiration. A leader ventures to say: "I will go; come with me!" A leader initiates, provides the ideas and the structure, and then takes the risk of failure along with the chance of success. A leader says: "I will go; follow me!" while knowing that the path is uncertain, even dangerous. One then trusts those who go with one's leadership.

The requirements of leadership impose some intellectual demands that are not measured by academic intelligence ratings. They are not mutually exclusive but they are different things. The leader needs two intellectual abilities that are usually not formally assessed in an academic way: he needs to have **a sense for the unknowable** and be able to **foresee the unforeseeable**. Leaders know some things and foresee some things which those they are presuming to lead do not know or foresee as clearly. This is partly what gives leaders their "lead," what puts them out ahead and qualifies them to show the way.

LEADERSHIP FOR THE CHRISTIAN IS:

*Responsible service as a response to the gospel.

*Exercised in each situation as the individual sees the need. For the Christian, it is personal accountability to the total Christian community, the church.

*The exercise of power and influence in interaction with other persons.

*An expression of one's whole style of life. It may be aggressive, timid, democratic, autocratic, or laissez-faire.

*The exercise of personal aptitudes as well as skills that can be learned.

*The ability to express one's own convictions as well as to enable others to express theirs.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

1. Leadership is a quality;
Management is a science and an art.
2. Leadership provides vision;
Management supplies realistic perspectives.
3. Leadership deals with concepts;
Management relates to functions.
4. Leadership exercises faith;
Management has to do with fact.
5. Leadership seeks effectiveness;
Management strives for efficiency.
6. Leadership is an influence for good among potential resources;
Management is the coordination of available resources organized for maximum accomplishment.
7. Leadership provides direction;
Management is concerned about control.
8. Leadership thrives on finding opportunity;
Management succeeds on accomplishment.

MANAGEMENT

One way to define the difference between leadership and management is to say that management is a specific kind of leadership. All management is leadership, but not all leadership is management. Management does what leadership does but its focus is upon accomplishing common purposes and goals within an organizational setting. Hence, **management is the ability and activity of influencing people and shaping their behavior to accomplish goals within an organization.**

(To be continued in July)

In Memoriam

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

Dr. Joseph Randolph Person
1906-1987

Services were held Saturday, April 18 in Farmville, N.C. for the Rev. Dr. Joseph Randolph Person. He departed this life Wednesday, April 15, at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. He was Moderator Emeritus of The Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, a board member of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and pastor of The Craven Corner Missionary Baptist Church of Havelock, North Carolina where he served for 13 years.

Born in Pitt County where he received his early education, he received his Bachelor of Theology Degree from Virginia Seminary and college in Lynchburg, Va., Doctor Degree from Shaw Divinity School.

He is survived by his wife Oreba H. Person of the home, one daughter Mrs. Lizzie Mae Joshua of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Servant of God, well done
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought,
the victory won;
Enter thy Master's joy.



Dr. Joseph Randolph Person
1906-1987

EDITORIAL

"Africa Through African-American Eyes"

African Christians Seek Self-Determination

Second in Three Part Series
***By Cureton L. Johnson**

Harare, Zimbabwe — During visits to Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe, I worshipped with diverse Christian groups — from a liturgical Anglican congregation in Nairobi, Kenya to a free-style Baptist fellowship in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. But my most intriguing worship experience was with a newly founded independent church that met outdoors in Nairobi.

As I stood at the back of the 150-plus people who filled rows of portable wooden benches, an usher — who quickly recognized me as a distant visitor — coaxed me to sit up front with the church elders. Even though I arrived late, these church officers took time to shake my hand and extend a warm welcome.

Having once pastored a church, I soon felt at home among the praying, singing, hand clapping and choruses of Amens. When asked to say a few words, I greeted the congregation with "jambo," which means "hello" in Swahili. I went on to say, with an interpreter assisting, that I was from the United States and was very thankful to God for allowing me to visit the beautiful country of Kenya. "asante sana," I said in closing, which means "thank you very much."

Afterwards, the preacher delivered an extemporaneous sermon. The lean, energetic young black messenger allowed his enthusiasm for the Gospel to ebb and peak as his Bible darted up and down and around in his hand. He urged his listeners to be "obedient because Jesus is coming back and will look out for his children."

Kenyan theologian John S. Mbiti, in his book "African Religions and Philosophy," has described independent churches as "attempts by African peoples to 'indigenize' Christianity and to interpret and apply it in ways that, perhaps spontaneously, render Christianity both practical and meaningful to them." While this process blossoms throughout Africa, many Christians want the church to know that faith without works is dead. They want to define who they are and where they are going in practical terms, so that Christianity becomes a liberating force in the lives of their people.

Rev. T. Kuchera, head of the Zimbabwe Christian Council, knows the inadequacies of many Christian churches. Speaking to a seminar group on the benefits of national unity, he also recognizes that many Christian leaders and churches were direct participants in the liberation and development of Zimbabwe, which gained its independence in April of 1980.

"The church has not only been involved in evangelism," said Rev. Kuchera, "but has worked to improve agriculture and food production, health facilities, education, vocational skills and leadership training among our people. While some churches have not severed their control from mother (colonial) bodies and are not as creative as they can be, others are more independent and have severed the umbilical cord."

In Zimbabwe, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and President Canaan Banana, both long time Christians, have reportedly extended an invitation to churches to be partners in the development of the young country. They have said that the church must be directly involved in national reconstruction and have urged church leaders to accept change that is meaningful to the development of Zimbabwe.

Often a divisive element in African society and throughout the world, religion in Africa will be challenged in years to come to help solve the social and economic problems on the continent. While Africans attempt to tackle and solve these problems, they urge Christians in America to support U.S. public policies that give aid to poor and oppressed people in the Third World, instead of giving support to those who are oppressors of the poor. They welcome help from Western churches and governments which are sensitive to grass roots needs of people.

"Too many Americans think of snakes, ghosts and AIDS when talking about Africa," the Rev. P.C. Mudenda, general secretary of the Christian Council of Zambia said recently. "I would like for Americans to come to Africa with an open mind so that their opinions represent Africa instead of some distorted and 'dark' picture."

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

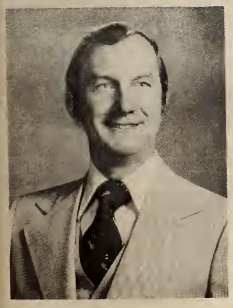
Truly, many African people worshipped an "eternal God" long before the United States was born, and U.S. citizens should learn more about the spiritual heritage of Africa from Africans themselves. Then we will want to all share and celebrate a Kenyan Gibuyu prayer offered to Ngai (the Supreme Being):

"Say ye that the elders have wisdom and speak with one voice. Praise ye Ngai. Peace be with us. Say ye that the country may have tranquility and the people may continue to increase. Say ye that the people and the flocks and the herds may prosper and be free from illness. Say ye that the field may bear much fruit and the land may continue to be fertile. Praise ye Ngai."

*Cureton L. Johnson is the Outreath Director of Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' lobby in the U.S.A. on world hunger and poverty. A former black journalist, he traveled to Africa for the first time last month and is reporting on some of his findings in this three-part series, "Africa Through African-American Eyes." For information on how you can join Bread for the World, call 1-800-82BREAD, toll free.

Seminary Extension Keeps Growing

By Dr. Corbin L. Cooper



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One of the most exciting programs underway in education these days is the Seminary Extension program operating through the Shaw Divinity School. Nearly 3,000 people have enrolled and reached a registration of over 9,000 individual courses.

A slogan that could very well describe this program is "Anybody — Anywhere — Anytime." Over 60 seminary-type courses are available for local churches and associations. The department would like to establish at least one center in every association. For a modest fee pastors and lay people (age 16 and up) may enroll for subjects including the Bible, ethics, theology, evangelism, religious education, music, and specialized courses for ministers.

During the current academic year 602 courses have been offered in 25 locations throughout the state. In addition to certificates provided for individual courses, diplomas may be earned in Pastoral Ministries, Educational Ministries and Biblical Studies.

The department is committed to the education of persons preparing for service in Christian ministry. Those who are interested in being better pastors or church members can find help in this program to equip themselves for more effective ministry. The only prerequisite for enrolling is to be age 16 or older and eager to learn.

Anyone who desires information for starting a Seminary Extension Center may contact Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27511-1107 (919) 457-5100 or call toll free 1-800-222-8478. A catalog is available upon request.

Remember! (Please Attend)

JULY

14-16	State Usher's Annual Session, Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E.W. Wooten, Pastor
18	All-Baptist Picnic, Baptist Assembly Laurel, Hill, N.C.
20-23	Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem, N.C.
20	Woman's Convention Executive Board Meeting (During Convention)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPECIAL

The Task Of The Sunday School Superintendent Part II

(Editor's note — Continued from June 1987 Informer)

2. The Superintendent is a Recruiter.

The primary burden of responsibility falls on the superintendent himself. In deciding on a worker, it would be advantageous to call on the assistance of the pastor, the Sunday School Council and the Board of Christian Education. There are seven steps to success in recruiting: 1) Conduct a need and task survey, 2) Conduct a talent and ability survey, 3) Continue to promote and instruct people in the church's total educational task, 4) Relate every position to the ultimate goal of the church's educational program, 5) Make the approach person-centered, 6) Offer each potential worker a carefully prepared job analysis, 7) Do not hurry the worker's decision, but pray with him and give him time to pray alone.

3. The Superintendent is a Personnel Manager.

One of the basic issues at state here is the fact that anyone who has responsibilities for the work of others will ultimately discover that he is faced with some "people problems." Some of the problems are as follows:

1) Lack of faithfulness and commitment
2) Failure to follow guidelines
3) Unwillingness to accept responsibility
4) Poor discipline of students
5) Tardiness
6) Breakdown of communication
7) Difficulties in motivation

A good supervisor knows how to delegate responsibility, he must take responsibility for those who work under him, and he must occasionally exercise discipline over his staff. He must know how to be firm but gentle.

4. The Superintendent is a Communicator.

Communication is a strategic part of the total administrative process. Quite obviously the effectiveness of recruiting and supervising depends on your ability to get your ideas across. But communication is a two-way street. The superintendent dare not be trapped into a pattern of monologue. He needs to understand what is happening in the classes and on the field so that future executive decisions can be related to the practical realities of the task and not to hazy unrealities perceived in his office.

The following may be considered important instruments in communication:

1) Meetings, 2) Memos, 3) Minutes, Records, and 4) Moments time with each employee.

5. The Superintendent is a Planner.

1) Leads in determining organization, schedules, and approaches for teaching.
2) Recommends in enlisting workers required by the organization.
3) Interprets the tasks of the workers.
4) Leads workers in setting goals.
5) Leads in recommending curriculum.
6) Leads in determining training needs and in planning training activities.
7) Leads in planning and evaluating activities.
8) Maintains records for evaluating.
9) Guides in communicating appropriate information to workers about the work of the church and the denomination.

Thirty-Third Annual Forsyth County Missionary

The 33rd Annual Forsyth County Missionary Mass Meeting was held Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 at the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

President, Clara Hayes, presided. Music was rendered by the combined voices of the spiritual and senior choir of the First Baptist Church, with D.W. Andrews, as director.

Pastor Wendell A. Johnson, of the First Baptist Church, delivered the inspirational message, "The Mission of Missionaries." He challenged the missionaries to teach, administer, and evangelize. Throughout his soul stirring message, he reminded missionaries that their's is a job of Christianity, a job of love, a job of commitment, and a job of helping to save souls.

Twenty-five churches were represented, with over 300 persons in attendance. The $9,815 raised is for missionary work local and statewide.

Mrs. Juanita Archie and Mrs. Jacqueline Roame served as co-chairpersons.

Officers of the Forsyth County Missionary Union are: President, Mrs. Clara N. Hayes; Young Adult President, Mrs. Deltra Bonna; Young Adult Director, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels; Youth President, Miss Toshia Simmons; Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Erma Frazier; Special Field Worker, Mrs. Wyvetra S. Carter.

The mass meeting theme was, "His Word, Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense."

The Task Of The Sunday School Teacher

By Dr. Leo Williams, Jr.
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Even young people in the Sunday school who have not reached the age of accountability can have their attitudes so affected by the teacher that faith in Christ in future years can come in a much easier manner. The teacher in the Beginner department, for instance, who stays aware of the possibilities of future conversions of the pupils is the one who will build a love and respect in the minds of the pupils for Christ so that the leading of those pupils to Christ will be much easier in the year to come.

3. Be Well Trained

Is it possible for us to magnify excessively the necessity for training? We never think of a doctor as being overtrained when we subject ourselves to surgery at his hands. We never feel a lawyer is overtrained if he is defending us in some major case in the courts. We never feel a preacher is overtrained when he is dealing with the soul of our child and is trying to point him to the paths of righteousness.

Why should we ever get the idea that a Sunday school teacher can get too much training? An entire lifetime can be spent in preparation and practice and still there are many things that the teacher will not know.

For that reason, a teacher should make his life a constant striving for growth and improvements. That training should not only be careless, but should be well rounded and systematic. A teacher never gets too old to learn, and one cannot take appropriate courses of study too frequently.

4. Visit Regularly

A teacher cannot teach strangers with the effectiveness that he can teach friends. For that reason it is necessary that the Sunday school teacher be intimately associated with every pupil of the class. If this is done, the teacher must take the initiative, or some timid pupil will never feel that the relaxed freedom that is necessary in the teacher's presence.

There are many times when the pupils seem to be problem children in the classroom and later develop into ideal Christian citizens. To analyze that transition one finds many things contributing to the changing attitudes and lives of the pupils. Very frequently the teacher goes into the home and finds that the abnormal conditions of the home have made the child maladjusted. Frequently there is poverty, hardship, tragedy, home division, or even divorce: and these have contributed to the development of strange personality quirks in the pupil. How can a teacher know the correct method of teaching a pupil unless that teacher is well acquainted with the home life?

5. Take Full Advantage of the Weekly Officer and Teachers' Meeting

Experience dictates the wisdom of weekly meeting of officers and teachers of the Sunday school for the purpose of correlating the work and of inspiring the teachers to be a better performance of their tasks. A teacher should find his work to be so related to every other teacher's in the Sunday school that he simply can not serve in isolation and function effectively. If he leads pupils one way and another teacher guides them in another direction, they are paralyzing the efforts of each other. By meeting together and correlating their efforts they can find greater successes indeed.

6. Attend Prayer Meeting Regularly

If there is anything that grieves a pastor's heart is to see Sunday school teachers come to the weekly officers and teachers meeting, and then slip out a side door without staying for the prayer meeting service.

For a teacher to be the sort of teacher that he needs to be, prayer must be a vital part of his life and the prayer meeting services would be considered imperative to his Christian living. For a teacher to go Sunday to Sunday without drawing aside for specific seasons of prayer is to cripple his influence and weaken his spiritual strength.

7. Lead Your Class to Worship

Everything in the Sunday school should be preparing the pupil for the worship hour. The church service is the main service of the day, and no Sunday school class or teacher should take the place of the preacher or the Preacher's message during the worship service.

For a teacher to be the right sort of teacher, he must use his influence in teaching the pupils to worship regularly in the worship service of the church.

8. Try to be an Example Before Pupils

Without realizing it, Sunday school teachers, are always examples. Many times they are not the right kind of influences because they are not conscious that they are being so closely watched. Young people, without saying a word, are analyzing and critically studying the lives of their teachers, and they are quick to feel and voice resentment when questions arise about the character or conduct of the teachers.

9. Relate Your Work to the Program of the Church

A Sunday school teacher is church elected and therefore has a church obligation. He is not functioning privately in an individual task, but he is an important unit in a mighty army mobilized for Christian instruction and work. The whole program of the class must be related to the total program of the church.

10. Know that you are pleasing God

A Sunday school teacher should bring his heart to feel that God has laid his hand upon him, and that the church has shown its confidence in him by selecting him to a position of such high honor. Accept your responsibility with the fullest of dedication to the task of teaching.

SPECIAL Continued

A Brief History Of The Baptist Informer



By Dr. I.B. Horton,
Former Editor *Baptist Informer*

The Baptist Informer had its origin in 1877, at Shaw University in Raleigh. At the time of its establishment it was not known as **The Baptist Informer.** It was born among the black Baptists of North Carolina at a time when Christian journalism was one of the few means of communication between the constituents of the black churches of the state. Information about that period is vague because of the lack of education among blacks; however, the records show the following account of its beginning:

The African Expositor was established in 1877 with Dr. H.M. Tupper, President of Shaw University, Dr. N.F. Roberts, Prof. E.H. Lipscombe, Editors; Drs. A. Shepherd, C. Johnson, G.W. Perry, Business Managers. The motto of the **Sentinel** was "Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hand unto God."

The Expositor consisted of eight pages and was devoted to education, religion, temperance and general intelligence.[1]

The Expositer was the first of nine predecessors of **The Baptist Informer** which served the black Baptists of North Carolina from 1877 until 1941. The other eight predecessors that followed **The Expositer** were as follows: 1) **The Gold Dust;** 2) **The Baptist Headlights;** 3) **The Chowan Pilot;** 4) **Baptist Quarterly;** 5) **Baptist Sentinel Monthly;** 6) **Baptist Sentinel Weekly;** 7) **The True Reformer;** and 8) **The Union Reformer.**

These publications represented the black Baptists in an excellent way although they did not last very long. M.W. Williams observed:

These papers did not last very long, it is true, but the efforts and sacrifices these men made will be cherished recollections of the achievements in the blessed past.[2]

The period between 1877 and 1898 is unclear. It appears, from the account of M.W. Williams,[3] that due to the undeveloped nature of the black Baptist Convention, several Baptist organs came into being and died. The only definite date during that period available to the writer is December 8, 1898, the date of the origin of **The Baptist Sentinel.**[4] J.A. Whitted records that it became proverbial that "Baptist organs die early."[5]

The Baptist Sentinel was perhaps the most illustrious of the predecessors of **The Baptist Informer.** It seems to have enjoyed great support throughout the state, and **The Biblical Recorder,** the organ of the white Baptists of North Carolina, is recorded as having remarked:

> This excellent paper is conducted by Brother Williams with industry, ability and devotion. It is one of the best representations of the colored race. In fact, such a paper goes far to create hope for the race.[6]

Between 1915 and 1940, **The Sentinel** joined the ranks of its predecessors and went the way of all the earth. It was succeeded by **The Union Reformer,** which was the immediate predecessor of **The Baptist Informer,** which itself came into being in 1942 under the editorship of Reverend Otis L. Hairston, now pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro. He was succeeded by Dr. John W. Fleming, a Professor of Theology at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh; Dr. Eugene Burns Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton; Dr. Coleman W. Kerry Jr., then pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte; and, Dr. George W. Dudley who was pastor of First Baptist Mount Zion and later Church of the Open Door, Rocky Mount.

In 1975, I was appointed to the task of directing the voice of the 355,000 member black Baptist Convention. As editor of the **Informer** I initiated a new format for our paper. Today that basic format is still followed. I increased subscriptions and attempted to expand the religious scope of the paper. On March 28, 1979 I completed my Doctor of Ministry Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. My thesis topic was: **Ministry Through Christian Journalism: THE BAPTIST INFORMER Communicating Christ To Youth.** In December, 1979 I took a leave of absence from the paper and later resigned my position as editor of **The Baptist Informer.** For several months, Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Leo Williams Jr., Director of Christian Education and Rev. Cureton Johnson, Raleigh, (who was later named editor) managed the paper.

In June 1980, Rev. Johnson was officially named editor of **The Baptist Informer** by the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Rev. Johnson was a graduate of the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and a student at the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh. Johnson served the paper from June 1980 until April 1984 when he resigned to take a position as **Director of Outreach** with "Bread For the World" a Washington, D.C. based benevolent organization. Johnson brought many innovative ideas to the paper.

In May 1984 during the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention meeting in Wilmington, at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. J.Z. Windley, pastor, I was recalled to the editor's post. I served the Convention for the next two years until May 1986, when I formally resigned my position. Between May 1984 and May 1986 I added several new columns, increased paid subscriptions, and I attempted to provide the local bivocational General Baptist Pastor with helpful sermon guides through the column: "Seed For Sermon Thought."

One of the issues of the **Informer** that I was most proud of appeared in August 1984. That issue was the historic "Centennial Issue" dedicated to 100 years of Christian witness through the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Ironically my wife, Dr. Thelma C. Horton, was then President of the Woman's Convention and the church I proudly now serve. The First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, was the birthplace of our original Convention in 1867. The General Baptist State Convention presently serves as the parent body of the Woman's Convention. The Woman's Convention was founded in 1884 at the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, where Dr. Leotha Debnam now serves as pastor.

In May 1986, the Rev. Archie D. Logan Jr., a native of Reidsville, As-

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What Makes A Good Baptist Training Union?



Mrs. Inease Wicker
President GBSC Baptist
Training Union Congress

I. Pastoral Leadership

1. A Live Wide-Awake, enthusiastic dedicated pastor.

2. A Live Wide-Awake, committed, Energetic Director.

The very name given to this position is indicative of the major role this office plays in the development of the Baptist Training Union or program. The Director is one who, in cooperation with the pastor, has oversight of the total training program. This work includes:

1. Having a thorough knowledge of all the auxiliaries' needs.
2. Determine the approaches to meet the needs.
3. Secure the leadership.
4. Assign the necessary space and time for the activities.
5. Provide essential resources — equipment, materials, supplies and budget.
6. Planning and implementation.

II. Energetic and Dedicated Directors

These people have the task of training boys and girls, men and women into Christ-like characters. A good director must be willing to:

1. To study.

2. To plan, conduct and evaluate the leader-training activites of the church.

3. Discover persons for training as leaders.

4. Enlist persons in training.

5. Decide how training can best be accomplished.

6. Schedule training activities.

7. Select capable instructors and prepare them for training assignments.

8. Keep leader training activities before the church.

9. Provide training for leaders of special church projects.

10. Serve as a general officer in the auxiliaries to help plan, recommend, conduct and evaluate training for the auxiliaries of the church.

11. Assist the nominating committee in securing trained officers to serve.

Certain character traits are also necessary such as:

1. Trustworthiness
2. Punctuality
3. Dependabiltiy
4. Enthusiasm
5. Perseverance

Personality traits are important too such as:

1. Love for people
2. Kindness
3. Hospitality
4. Friendliness
5. Willingness

Exploring, experiencing and expressing quality discipleship is a major promotional emphasis of Church Training. The call to a Christian is the call to discipleship. Christ's invitation to take my yoke upon you, and learn of me. (Matt. 11:29) is a call to discipleship. Discipleship is a term which suggests learning, training, motivation, inspiration and application. Developing your church training program is the source book for developing a total church training program in a church.

The director, acting in cooperation with the pastor; the workers or officers dedicated and energetic; adequate space, equipment and facilities; students participating in the life of the Baptist Training Union — all these factors blended into a whole, and under the guidance of the principles of Jesus Christ, will produce a Baptist Training Union whose impact will be felt.

A variety of methods are available for training. Methods chosen should be in keeping with the objectives of the training and the ability of the participants.

STATE MISSION

Dr. Cardes Henry Brown Jr. Leads Evangelism Latenight Service During One Day Session

By Reverend A.L. Jinwright, Evangelism Chairman

Reverend Cardes H. Brown, Jr. the son of Rev. and Mrs. Cardes H. Brown, Sr. of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is a graduate of the Booker T. Washington High School in Rocky Mount.

In September 1963 he began his college career at North Carolina A&T State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In 1965 he was licensed to preach by the Cherry Hill Baptist Church of Tarboro, N.C. Later, in the same year, he was ordained by the Old Eastern Association. In 1967 he attended the Greensboro Bible College where he received a Graduate of Theology Degree. He received a Honorary Doctors of Divinity Degree from the South Eastern University, Greenville, S.C. Presently he is enrolled in the Masters of Divinity Program at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Brown accepted the call to pastor the New Light Baptist Church in February 1975. Since that time New Light has continued to grow. On May 22, 1977 the New Light family moved into a beautiful new edifice at 1104 Willow Road, Greensboro, N.C. Many new programs are now a part of our church since Dr. Brown's coming.

Dr. Brown served on the Board of Directors for the Offenders Aid and Restoration (OAR), past President of the Pulpit forum of Greensboro and Vicinity (1980-1981), past President of the Poplar Grove School Parents and Teachers Association (PTA), and past Board Member of the Greensboro Chapter NAACP, appointed by the Greensboro Human Relations Commission to serve on the Citizens Review Committee, a Board Member of the United States Arts Council, a member of Volunteers to the Courts, selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America by the United States Jaycees in 1981. He is currently a member of the Friends of the Senior Employment Program sponsored by the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. and also the President of the New Light Baptist Church, Inc.



Dr. C.H. Brown, Jr.

Dr. Brown is married to the former Diane Pierce of Rich Square, N.C. and blessed with three lovely daughters, Kimberly, Tonya, Michelle and one son Cardes H. Brown, III.

Dr. Brown, a member of the Evangelism Committee slated, "I am honored that Dr. Anthony Linwright, and the Evangelism Committee gave me this opportunity to preach in our 1987 One Day Session. I am honored and proud to return to my home town of Rocky Mount."

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Laymen League News

Laymen League Hall of Fame



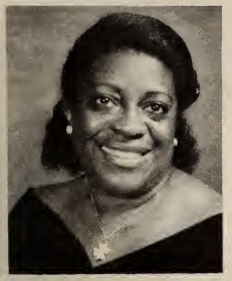
President Alston addresses Hall of Fame Banquet in the Bullock Building at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.



Laymen's League Hall of Famers: (Back row L-R) Richard Cogdell, Joseph Carter, Frank Marshall; (Front row L-R) John McQueen, Roy Worthy, Ernest Dansby; Not present W.E. Gay; Samuel Perry; Deceased H.D. Cooper; I.H. Hilliard; O.A. Dupree.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Jordan-Williams Is Presented In Winston-Salem Concert



Ms. Willie Jordan-Williams
Director of Music
State Congress of Christian Education
Executive Director
People for The Arts, Inc.

By Staff Writer
People For The Arts, Inc.

The Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., recently presented lyrico-spinto soprano Willie Jordan-Williams in concert to a near capacity congregation and guests on Sunday, April 26. Ms. Jordan-Williams officially assumed the position as "minister of music" at Union Baptist effective as of Sunday, April 5. The Rev. Benjamin F. Daniels is pastor.

The concert took the form of a vesper service which began with a beautiful but solemn candlelight ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Delores Scales, chairperson of the church's music committee, led the silent procession of the seven choir presidents as they proceeded down the aisle to light the seven candles near the alter. The choir presidents are as follows: The Senior Choir, Mrs. Jo Ann Clark, The A.H. McDaniel Amazing Grace Choir, Benjamin Jackson, The Junior Choir, Mrs. Vickie Jackson, representing Mrs. Branelsia K. Hart, The Y.T.T. (Tot's Choir), Mrs. Annie Howard, The Male Chorus, Gaddy Thompson, The Della Johnson Spiritual Choir, Mrs. Francine Peters, representing Mrs. Maude Fox and The Women's Chorus, Mrs. Gracie Stimpson. Following the lighting of candles, the choirs were led into the unison recitation of its Biblical motto: "I Will Sing With the Spirit, and I Will Sing With the Understanding Also" taken from I Corinthians 14th chapter, and 15th verse. Pastor B.F. Daniels presented Ms. Willie Jordan-Williams and accompanist, Mrs. Ruth F. Hafley of Raleigh to the congregation as he presented the evening's invocation.

The program began with the artist's performance of the popular Malotte's interpretation of "The Lord's Prayer." Although highly unusual to clap after this rendition, the audience was highly captivated to the point of breaking the rule of protocol, and they broke into thunderous applause. The artist then followed with the historical background lecture on the "American Hymn Writer" featuring the hymns, "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles and "My Jesus I Love Thee" by Dr. Adoniram Judson Gordon. Ms. Jordan-Williams briefly lectured on the history of "Oratorio Singing" and Handels **Messiah** before presenting her impressive rendition of the aria "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from the Easter portion.

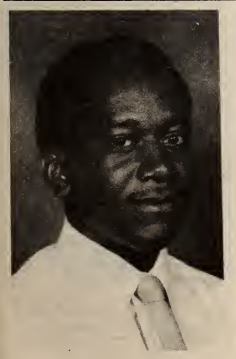
The songs of Aaran Copland were the artists's representation of The American Art Song Tribute. Ms. Jordan-Williams' explanation of Copland's symphonic poem, **Appalachian Spring**, preceeded her appropriate renditions of "Simple Gifts" from his first set of **Old American Songs** and the popular versions of "At the River" and "Zion's Walls" from his second set of **Old American Songs**. For the first time in this artist's career did a unanimous standing ovation occur prior to intermission which began after the performance of "Zion's Walls." During intermission, a liberal offering was lifted conducted by Pastor B.F. Daniels and the church's ushers. Mrs. Barbara Miller, a senior choir member, followed with the reading of her profound poem entitled "Gifts." Mrs. Miller was commissioned by the artist to write a poem for the occasion of this introductory concert.

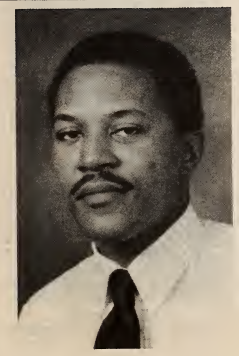
Following intermission, Ms. Jordan-Williams returned with the lecture-demonstration of nineteenth century operatic singing and featured the aria, "Voi Lo Sapete" from **Cavalleria Rusticana** by composer, Pietro Mascagni. The soprano concluded the program with the performance of Harry T. Burleigh's spiritual arrangements of "Were You There," "I Stood On De Ribber Ob Jerdon," "Weepin' Mary," and "Ride On, King Jesus." The congregation particularly enjoyed the artist's explanation and background of the black church's contribution of The Spiritual, "the first legitimate American music." The artist's reading of the poem entitled "The Little Church" by Mrs. Ruth Hash Harrison, a member of Union Baptist Church, highlighted this final segment of the program. The program ended with a second unanimous standing ovation which followed a third time after Ms. Jordan-Williams' encore selection, "My Soul's Been Anchored In De Lord" arranged by Florence B. Price.

A very beautifully catered reception consisting of the best of Winston-Salem cuisine was organized and sponsored by members of the Union Baptist Church Senior Choir. Hostesses for the reception were Madames Edna Davis, secretary, Madie Caldwell, Geneva Douthit, program chairman, Brenda Butler, Jo Ann Clark, president, Lola Black, Annie Irby, Doris McCorkle, Claudia Foote, Barbara Miller, Gracie Stimpson, Sarah Lindsay and Aquilla Fletcher. An interesting feature of the reception was the exhibit of Ms. Jordan-Williams' concert career programming dating from 1969 to the present.

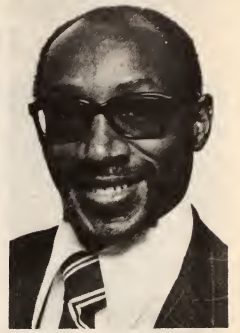
The artist and accompanist were presented each a very lovely keepsake double silk carnation corsage presented by Mrs. Geneva Douthit on behalf of the church. The beautiful live centerpiece floral arrangement of roses, carnations and chrysanthemums was presented to soprano Willie Jordan-Williams by senior choir president, Jo Ann Clark.

Speical guests attending the concert were Mrs. Felicia Mack and Carnell Leak of White Rock Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Ms. La Verne Samuel and Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart of Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Gene Reinoso of the Raleigh Piano Teacher's Association, Raleigh. Photographs are from the studio of Bobby Gwyn, the church's photographers.





(Left to right): Carl Elbert Brinkley Jr., Fayetteville, N.C., Master of Divinity, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Ronald Foster, Asheville, N.C., Master of Divinity, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Received degrees: May 9, 1987.



Rev. E. Ervin Millsaps

Rev. E. Millsaps Receives Degree

Rev. E. Ervin Millsaps of Route 4, Box 614, Taylorsville, graduated Saturday, May 9, from Shaw University, Raleigh, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology.

He intends to start working on his Master of Divinity Degree immediately. Rev. Millsaps has a Bth degree in Theology from Teamer School of Religion, Charlotte, (1969), and another Bachelor of Theology from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury (1973). He has earned an Associate Degree from Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro (1982).

Rev. Millsaps is presently the pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Drexel, where he has served for the past 10 years.

Congratulations to Rev. E. Ervin Millsaps from his immediate family and close friends.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

New Bethel To Celebrate Pastor Drayton's 43rd Anniversary



Dr. Jerry Drayton

The New Bethel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem will observe the forty-third (43th) Anniversary of the pastor, Dr. Jerry Drayton, and the ninety-seventh (97th) Anniversary of the church on Sunday, June 14, at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, Chancellor Emeritus of Winston-Salem State University.

In the 43 years that Dr. Drayton has been in the state, he has been active in the civic, political and religious areas in Winston-Salem and the state of North Carolina. He has held the following positions in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

1. Historian of the Convention for 18 years.
2. Chairman of the Executive Committee for ten years.
3. Member of the Committee on Budget and Management.
4. Chairman of the Political Action Committee since it was appointed under the administration of Dr. C.R. Edwards.
5. A member of the General Board and the Executive Committee.

Dr. Drayton is a native of Savannah, Ga. He holds an A.B. degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.; a B.D. degree from the School of Religion of Howard University, Washington, D.C.; a certificate in pastoral counseling from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Virginia Theological College and Seminary.

Dr. Drayton also serves on several Corporate Boards. He serves on the following corporate boards.

1. Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.
2. Board of Directors of Summitt Communication Inc.
3. Board of Directors of Leadership Winston-Salem Inc.

For eight years, Dr. Drayton served as Chairman of the North Carolina Human Relations Council — the first black to hold that position. Mrs. Clara N. Hayes is Chairman of the Planning Committee and Mrs. Erma Frazier is secretary.



Rev. Wendell A. Johnson
New ABCOTS President

Johnson Elected President

Rev. Wendell A. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, was elected by the delegates to the Seventeenth Annual Session to be the next president of the American Baptist Churches of the South in Richmond, Va., on April 30.

The term of office begins on September 1, which is for a single term of two years. Rev. Johnson is the eleventh president and the fourth from North Carolina.

American Baptist Churches of the South (ABCOTS) is an official region of the American Baptist Churches, USA. ABCOTS is an assemblage of churches in the South currently made up of black, whites, hispanics being opened to all races interested in becoming members and participating in foreign, national and local church ministry and missions.

The region, which covers sixteen southern states is comprised of 223 congregations with a membership which exceeds 300,000 members began in 1970 with eleven congregations and a budget of $55,000. The 1987 budget is $316,229.

ABCOTS has a history of openness in our Baptist tradition to differing points of view on how persons go about expressing and living out that Lordship with acceptance, trust and openness to truth. Being an inclusive group, affirmation is giving to Women in Ministry and the priesthood believers.

American Baptist recognize autonomy and interdependence, thus allowing its members to freely gather with other denominations to share their understandings and experiences, to learn from others, and to worship, witness and engage in mission and service together. American Baptist do not adhere to a creed; instead subscribe to a wide variety of theological beliefs and interrupt the Scriptures by the inspiration of the spirit.

With over 95 percent of the churches holding dual alignment membership with other state and national conventions, ABCOTS offers service for its member churches in the area of leadership development, fellowship, mission and stewardship, education, Christian education, resourcing, evangelism and pastoral support.

First Baptist Church has been a member of the American Baptist Churches of the since 1975.



Dr. James Moore

Reverend Moore Jr. Receives Doctor

During the 119th Convocation on Saturday, May 9, at Howard University, School of Divinity, Washington, D.C., the Doctor of Ministry degree was conferred on Rev. James M. Moore Jr.

Dr. Moore is the pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Beaufort. He was the honoree at a surprise reception held at the church on Sunday evening, May 10, which was attended by members and well-wishers.

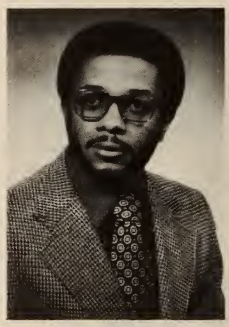
Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary Meets

The Guilford Educational and Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary held a missionary workshop at Second Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, N.C. March 21, 1987. Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie was our workshop leader. Dr. Brodie told us that the mission of God's people is the ministry of reconciliation. She gave the comparison between God's people and religious people. She went on to say that God's people are to be loving, compassionate and humble. As compared to religious people who are self-centered, proud, judgmental and lives by tradition. We were encouraged to be people of God as we go forth on our mission of serving others and living as Christians should.

The workshop was very uplifting and informative. We give God the glory for the leadership that he has provided us through Dr. Brodie.

The president of the Guilford Women's Auxiliary is Ernestine H. Griffin of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Assistant Recording Secretary Earns Doctor of Ministry Degree



Dr. John H. Grant
Asst. Recording Secretary GBSC

The Rev. John H. Grant, pastor, Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C. has officially completed all requirements for the Doctor of Ministry degree through the Atlanta Theological Association, which is composed of Candler School of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, Erskine Theological Seminary and the Interdenominational Theological Center.

Dr. Grant completed the degree at Erskine Seminary, which is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He will graduate on May 17, 1987. Dr. Grant is a 1976 graduate of Benedict College (B.A.) and a 1979 graduate of Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary (M. Div.) in Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Grant presently serves as an officer of General Baptist State Convention of N.C. He continues to serve in other religious, civic and political organizations.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Covia Stanley, M.D. Preaches Initial Sermon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

By Etherine P. Butler

Dr. Covia L. Stanley, a native of Longwood in Brunswick County, preaches his initial sermon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Longwood, North Carolina May 20, 1987 at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Stanley received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry and the Master of Science degree in Parasitology from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. The Doctor of Medicine degree was earned at the State University of New York at Buffalo, in Buffalo, New York. He completed four years residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Dr. Stanley practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology in Whiteville for the past four years. As of June 30, 1986, he has limited his practice to Gynecology. Dr. Stanley assumed the position of Chief of the Medical Staff at Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville, North Carolina on October 1, 1986. Becoming the first black to hold this position.

Dr. Stanley is also involved in community, church and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Community College. He is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church Longwood, North Carolina. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is a 32nd degree Mason affiliated with Ever Ready Lodge No. 765, Allen Mingo Consistory No. 325. He is a shriner with Habib Temple No. 159. He is also a member of the Bladen, Columbus Chapter of NCCU Alumni Association and the University of Buffalo Medical Alumni Association. Dr. Stanley resides in Whiteville with his wife and two sons. His wife is the former Lillian Chadwick of Durham, who is a science teacher at Acme-Delco Junior-Senior High School. He is the father of Covia L. II, and Quenton.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Covia Stanley of Longwood. He is the grandson of the late Deacon Sandy R. Stanley.

Telephone Pioneers Dedicate Children's Fire Safety House

Recent newspaper accounts of tragic house fires accompanied by death and injury serve to underscore the need in our state for a hands-on training program to teach children home fire survival techniques.

Telephone Pioneers of America, Inc. Chapter 35, Charlotte, N.C., a service organization of long-time telephone industry workers, are completing construction of a "Children's Fire Safety House."

The mobile unit will teach children how to survive a house fire by simulating the experience. The simulator is a scaled down replica of a two-story house, complete with home furnishings and an instructors control booth. Non-toxic, non-irritating smoke is pumped into house, the fire alarm goes off, heat panels warm the surface of the door and strobe lights simulate blaze. All these things are to create the illusion of a real fire while the instructors (from the control booth) guide the children to safety.

The Children's Fire Safety House will augment the present fire education program provided by the county. Grades K through six will be targeted. The house will be staffed by Telephone Pioneer volunteers in cooperation with local fire departments.

The house is constructed in a manner to address most of the usual perils a child would encounter in both a house fire and serve to reinforce the rules of home safety.

The project is nearing completion. May 4 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, Mt. Pleasant, N.C., we dedicated this unit to the safety of the children of North Carolina.

Many people have given generously of their time and resources to make this project possible. We would like very much to have you join us in a celebration of a most worthy project.

Inquiries and responses may be directed to Sue Casper, 3011 Irish Potato Road, Concord, N.C. 28025, 705-782-5196.



"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
— Phil. 3:13b

First Retreat For Women In The Ministry June 19-20, 1987

By Rev. Helen McLaughlin

The Shaw Divinity School Interdenominational Organization of Women Ministers and Ministries (IOWMM), an interdenominational, volunteer, sisterhood, advocacy group for Women in Ministry will sponsor the First Annual Retreat for Women in Ministry June 19-20, 1987 on the Shaw University Campus, Raleigh, North Carolina. This retreat for Women in Ministry is very timely. It will be the first Retreat sponsored by Shaw Divinity School's Women's group that focuses on Women in Ministry and lay Women in different areas of ministry.

The Rev. Janice Brown, famous Gospel Singer and Preacher from Rocky Mount, North Carolina will be the Conference Retreat Preacher. He will be preaching on Friday evening, June 19th, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday afternoon, June 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited to come and be with us. Room and board will be provided for a minimum registration fee of $25.00. For further information please contact Rev. Helen McLaughlin, Shaw Divinity School, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 832-1490.



Rev. Janice Brown

Z. Smith Reynolds Leadership Awards

Winston-Salem — Once again the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is looking for three "unsung heroes" in North Carolina to receive $25,000 each. The awards — $5,000 for the individual and $20,000 to be designated for his or her favorite charitable activities — will be presented at a ceremony in Charlotte in November. The foundation is seeking nominations which must be received no later than June 15.

The awards, named for one of the Foundation's original founders — the late Nancy Susan Reynolds — were first presented last fall at a banquet celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the general purpose, private foundation named for the younger son of R.J. Reynolds. Recognized at that time were Lena Ritter of Onslow County, leader in the fight to preserve Permuda Island in its natural state: Henrietta Williams of Mount Olive, who was cited for years of service on behalf of children and other citizens of her native Wayne County; and Rev. Ronald E. Rice of Winston-Salem, who was the founder of that city's Downtown Church Center and Crisis Control Ministry.

When the awards were established last year Foundation President Smith Bagley said they were created to recognize "North Carolina's Mother Theresas . . . people whose courage and hard work are sometimes more important and more deserving than those of well-known and well-recognized leaders." Others have called the recipients "North Carolina's unsung heroes."

Those wishing to nominate someone to receive the 1987 awards should write to the Foundation at 101 Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106.

Lott Carey Convention Meets Aug. 31- Sept. 4, 1987

By Dr. Wendell C. Somerville

According to Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Headquarters, Washington, D.C., the Ninetieth Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention will be held in Philadelphia, PA August 31-September 4, 1987. Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA, — Dr. G. Daniel Jones, Pastor, will serve as Host Church and Host Pastor.

According to Dr. Somerville, the fourth-coming session will be one of the most celebrated meetings in the annals of the Convention.

In addition to the regular program of promoting universal evangelism, education, healing communities and responding to world human needs, special emphasis will be placed upon the **horrendous spread** of the **Aids Virus** in Central West Africa. Dr. Somerville further states that experts in the field of research of Chronic diseases such as aids, which is currently rampant in countries such as: Zaire, Burundi, Zambia, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania, will be among the top priorities of the Convention's Program.

Notable sermons, Business Reports and Challenging Addresses will be provided.

All persons planning to attend the Annual Session should make reservation through the **Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau**, 3 Penn Center Plaza, Suite 2020, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

HOTELS:

1. Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel
2. Holiday Inn Center City
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Hotel rates will approximate $54.00 per day.

All sessions will be held at the Convention Headquarters — Franklin Plaza Hotel.

Shaw University News

Thank You, From Shaw University

By Dr. John H. Lucas

President Lucas Recognizes Contributions

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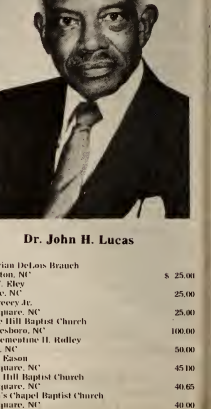
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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

Rev. Ray Receives Honorary Doctorate Degree

By Diatha Harris, Regional Editor



Dr. L.C. Ray

Rev. Levonia C. Ray Sr., Pastor of Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Fletcher, N.C. was honored with the Honorary Doctorate Degree from Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. on March 16, 1987. Rev. Ray is a graduate of Mars Hill College, N.C. and did graduate work at Southeastern Seminary and Trinity Theological Seminary. Rev. Ray's leadership qualities have manifested themselves like a mighty beacon on the regional and state level. He is the past Regional Director for the General Baptist State Convention for the Western District. He is First Vice Moderator of the Mud Creek Baptist Association, President of the Baptist Ministers Union of Asheville and Surrounding Areas, Vice President of the Mud Creek Association Church Union, Former Vice President of the NAACP, serves on the Advisory Board for Minority Affairs of Asheville Buncombe Technical College and is Co-ordinator of Shaw University CAPE Center of Asheville, N.C.

A Banquet in his honor was given by Greater New Zion on April 18, 1987. Mrs. Sandra Suber was Banquet co-ordinator. Dr. Nilous M. Avery, Pastor of Hill St. Baptist Church and Moderator of the Mud Creek Baptist Association was Keynote Speaker. Other Area Minister, Civic Leaders, and church members gave tributes.



Shaw University commencement speaker Samuel J. Weaver told graduating seniors that they will be able to decide whether they enjoy life's greater successes. (See story)

Shaw University's Oldest Contributor Lends A Hand At 102

By Dr. John H. Lucas



Dr. John H. Lucas, Interim President receives contribution from Charles Jacob Harris.

Raleigh — Charles Jacob Harris, boasting an impressive 102 years, is believed to be Shaw University's oldest contributor. Harris, who lives at 403 Brant Street in Durham, gained the title recently when he presented a sizeable gift to Dr. John H. Lucas, interim president, for the school.

Harris, a retired musician, taught at North Carolina Central University for several years after retiring in 1952 from South Carolina State University. He was music director at South Carolina State, Orangeburg, S.C., for approximately three decades.

He earned a master's degree from the Chicago College of Music. In 1908 Harris attended the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Having enjoyed much success in his career, he considers having served as accompanist for the renowned tenor, Ronald Hayes, to be the higlight of his lengthy career.

Harris now lives with his daughter Ms. Mayme Harris Perry, a retired teacher. He is also the father of Ms. Eleta Jean Harris Murray, a music teacher in Chicago; and a son, John Henry Harris, a professional jazz pianist in New Orleans.

Concerning the gift to Shaw, Lucas said, "We receive lots of gifts from various people. But to get a contribution from someone 102 years old is somewhat special. We are most appreciative."

Power Over Self Is Key To Realizing Potential: Weaver

By Ms. Delores Mason

Raleigh — Almost 300 graduating seniors of Shaw University were warned that while many of them would realize their potential, some would not. But retired Department of Education official Samuel J. Weaver told students that they are able to determine if they will be among those who enjoy great success.

"The people who enjoy the greater satisfaction in life are those with power over themselves, power over their minds, power to know what they want and power to believe they will attain that which they want."

Weaver was the keynote speaker for Shaw University's graduation ceremony held Saturday morning at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Weaver is the recently retired chief of Institutional Receivables Branch of the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

"Today you begin a new role," he warned graduating students. "You are now responsible for your life."

Weaver outlined characteristics necessary for success. Among them he named the ability to speak effectively; the ability to write effectively, the ability to communicate positive things to one's self; specific goals, time management, exercise and determination.

Weaver, who assisted Shaw University settle debts owed to the federal government, was conferred with the Institution's honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Also conferred with the honorary degree was Bishop Mosco Narvelle McLean, bishop of the Cape Fear "A" Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church. He received the doctor of divinity degree.

Music for the ceremony was provided by The Shaw University Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Lonieta T. Cornwall, and the University Band, with Charles V. Brown directing.

Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented special plaques to several persons for dedicated service. Recipients of the plaques were Dr. John H. Lucas, interim president; Dr. Dimple Newsome, chairman of the Board's Executive Committee; Dr. Thomas E. Kee, executive vice president; J. Fonati Koffa, Student Government Association president; Dr. C.J. Barber, trustee; Dr. Harold H. Webb, trustee; Miss Geraldine S. Cate, trustee; Dr. James E. Wilson, trustee; Willie C. Morgan, alumnus; and Mrs. Marilyn Fields, assistant to the president. Debnam said the recipients were recognized for their tireless commitment to the university. Other recipients of plaques were Miss Lillie M. Dunn, secretary to vice president; and Dr. Dennis C. Spellman, consultant.

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sistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention was appointed Interim Editor of **The Baptist Informer.** Rev. Logan, a graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, and Duke University Divinity School, Durham, has continued the long and glorious history of the **Informer.** Rev. Logan studied journalism at Wake Forest and he has used his training to improve the paper. He transferred the entire paper production process to an IBM computer system. The paper has added several Regional Editors: Rev. Brenda B. Roach, Durham; Mrs. Diatha I. Harris, Asheville; Dr. William Lee Jr., Charlotte; Rev. Lacy Joyner, Oxford; and Rev. Joseph Jones, Winston-Salem; and others.

This brief history of **The Baptist Informer** prior to 1979 appears in my Doctor of Ministry Project — 1979, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. There are over 200 pages in the Project. Those persons interested in a more detailed analysis and synthesis of General Baptist Journalism can find my Project on file at Southeastern's Library.

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GBSC Financial Year Closes August 31

By Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, President of District Union and Conventions:

We would like for you to take note of the fact that the month of July represents the 11th month of our Fiscal Year, 1986-87. Therefore, we are urging all of our pastors and leaders to put forth every effort to honor your suggested quotas for the objectives: Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and Central Children's Home on or before August 31, 1987.

We designated the month of June for Shaw University Month. We urged you to send all of the money for Shaw University, which was in your suggested quota to Shaw University in the month of June. It is our prayer that you have responded to our appeal.

Our July emphasis is support for Foreign Missions and the Shaw Divinity School. We would like for you to take note of the fact that the Fiscal Year for Foreign Missions closes on July 31, 1987. Please send your Foreign Missions immediately in order for us to forward it to the office of Dr. W.C. Somerville on or before July 31st.

Shaw Divinity School is in need of our support. We urge you to respond to the need of the Divinity School with the balance of money in your suggested quota.

We are gratified with what you have done, but we can never be satisfied as long as there are needs to be met. The Lord blesses us in order for us to bless others. Many of you have given beyond the call of duty and some have not. Whether your church has given little or much, we are thankful to you for what you have done as a result of your dedication and commitment to the Lord's work through the General Baptist State Convention.

I would like for you to remember that no structure can long survive without a solid foundation. The foundation undergirding our Convention is the local churches. The pastors are the glue that hold the foundation together. Without your support our Convention would not be what it is today.



Dr. C.C. Craig

BAPTIST CALENDAR

August

3-7 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Houston, TX.

11-13 Sunday School & BTU Congress Annual Session, Shiloh, Winston-Salem, FAMILY PRAYER MONTH—WFFMC

31-Sept. 4 Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.

SEPTEMBER

1-4 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Philadelphia, PA

7 LABOR DAY

7-13 National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Houston, TX

12 Laymen's Study Commission District #5 and Executive Board Meeting, (place to be announced) 10:00 a.m.

19 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Baptist Headquarters

26 Family Missions Conference

All Roads Lead To Philadelphia For The 90th Annual Session Of Lott Carey

By Rev. John Mendez
2nd Vice President, General Baptist State Convention

Winston-Salem — I am joining Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and inviting all General Baptists to the Ninetieth (90) Annual Session of the Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 1987. The Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Jones, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, will serve as host pastor.

Let us all remember our financial obligation to Foreign Mission, of which Lott Carey is our primary foreign mission "OBJECTIVE" in North Carolina. I hope to meet and greet you all in the city of "Brotherly Love."

All persons planning to attend the Annual Session should make reservations through the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, 3 Penn Center Plaza, Suite 2020, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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2. Holiday Inn Center City
3. Hershey Philadelphia Hotel
4. Holiday Inn Midtown Hotel

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All sessions will be held at the Convention Headquarters — Franklin Plaza Hotel.

Presidents McLean & Wicker Announce Tentative Congress Program

Tuesday Morning — August 11
Mrs. Hazel McLean and Mrs. Inease Wicker, presiding

9:00 a.m.	Registration and Preparation
10:30 a.m.	The Opening Assembly Devotion
10:45 a.m.	Presidents' Greetings:
	Sunday School
	Baptist Training Union
11:00 a.m.	Introduction of Personnel and Program
11:10 a.m.	Business Period
11:45 a.m.	State's Theme Address
12:15 p.m.	Directions for Afternoon Classes
	Dismissal
12:30 p.m.	Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon — August 11
Assemble in the Sanctuary
M.W. Heartley, presiding

2:00 p.m.	Assembly Devotion
2:15 p.m.	Sub Theme Discussion
2:30 p.m.	Go to Classes
3:30 p.m.	Reassemble in Sanctuary
	Music
3:45 p.m.	Junior Oratorical Pageant
	Decisions And Awards
	Benediction
5:30 p.m.	Dinner

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

"Planning To Grow In Giving"

Growth is a natural part of our lives. We are constantly referring to it. "Oh, the grass needs mowing again!" "The flowers are growing so nicely; look how pretty they are." "See how large those trees have grown to be." What about the children? "How they have grown!" "They're outgrowing all their clothes; you can almost see them growing."

Growth! We're growing; communities and cities are growing; the world is growing in numbers of people.

Growth must be met with growth. From a Christian perspective, the growing population demands growth in Christ's mission and Christian ministries. Growth in Christians' response to a growing population and people's needs can be as natural as other kinds of growth.

It's no wonder that a major theme of the New Testament is growth. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18, KJV). Spiritual growth makes growth in Christian ministries more likely.

One way the Philippian Christians expressed their spiritual growth was through growth in giving. After they had given Paul financial support for his mission work, he wrote acknowledging their gift. "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil. 4:17).

Paul is saying to the Philippians, "I'm grateful that you gave me the money because you needed to give it." Their giving expressed their growth in Christ.

Growth in giving happens when we plan to grow. The best plan for growth in giving is a percentage growth each year. Suppose you are giving $30 per week through your church. If you make about $500 per week, you're giving six percent of your income. The question is this: "Is six percent an adequate expression of your Christian witness?"

"But I just can't give ten percent right now" is an often heard statement.

Well, how about growing in giving to 6½ percent next year?

"I believe we could give $32.50 per week."

With a one-half of one percent growth in giving per year for fifteen years, a person could grow from six percent giving to 13½ percent. Such a small step-by-step increase is possible for most Christians.

But what a difference our small growth in giving could mean when added to the growth in giving of other Christians! Our growth in giving can make the difference in whether or not we reach our world for Christ in the next fifteen years.

That's what Christ assigned us to do: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19).

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

"Foreign Mission: An Expanded Spiritual Vision"

By Rev. John Mendez
2nd Vice President GBSC

(Editor's Note: Rev. John Mendez was born in the New York Ghettos where houses were all dilapidated with crowded streets full of oppressed people who never had recreational facilities or social amenities whatsoever. In those days it was a crime to be called 'black' and it resulted into fights. Dope and drugs were all over the community and it was not easy to struggle and keep out of troubles. Here Rev. Mendez talks to Joseph Dhikusoka of (AACC) All Africa Conference of Churches Information Desk.)



Rev. John Mendez
Guest Editor

During a 1985 visit to Africa, I attempted to share our General Baptist vision of joint Missionary calling with the Christians of our motherland.

Q. As Minister of the Gospel what is your prophetic role in any structure you may find yourself in?

A. As Minister of the Gospel, we must never forsake or betray our prophetic roles. After experiencing oppression ourselves and then attaining freedom, one must not ascend to the mount of privilege and forget from whence we have come and the hands that helped us over. We must not seek to imitate our oppressors as mayor Goede did in Philadelphia after authorizing the entire Black neighborhood to be bombed or like many African governments, who oppress their people. Black tyranny and oppression is just as evil as white oppression. Neo-colonialism is colonialism with darker faces. Structures must change along with faces. Yes, our struggle is a common one. I am convinced that because we weathered the storm before Christ who is the liberator and who takes sides with the oppressed, we will be empowered to overcome again. But I must issue this warning to us as we strive toward total freedom.

Q. How have the blacks survived in America with Africanism and style?

A. It was in the above context that the Black Church in America was born. We survived in America with our Africanism and style. It is most evident in the Black Church. Our Black spirituality is African Spirituality as W.B.D. Dubois pointed out years ago. It is reflected in our oral tradition. You can hear in our preaching, in our music and in our worship style. It is even in our walk. It cannot be analyzed by European or American scholars using the method of aristotelian logic or platonic metaphysics. To understand Black spirituality, you have to live it because it is rooted in our Black and African culture, drama and folklore. That's why during slavery, when the slave master used to take slaves to the white Church for worship, the slaves tolerated it, but at night the slaves would have Church again in their own way and enjoy it underground. Thus, when many of the early Black Churches were organized in the 17th and 18th Centuries, they were African Baptists and African Methodists Churches. These denominations were attractive because they primarily opposed slavery. They were considered free Churches.

The Black Church had to survive and combat not only slavery, but also Jim Croio's apartheid, separate and unequal laws, until under the inspired leadership of Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Apartheid as an institution in America was eradicated even though it still lingers as an attitude. We know that while we were struggling against apartheid in America, Africa was struggling to throw off the yoke of colonialism in its own land. African states were soon born and we remember the support they gave us in our struggles against US apartheid. Africa's mighty warriors such as: Kwame Nkrumah, Julius Nyerere, Sekou Toure, Haile Selassie, Nasaar, Azikiwe and others led the way.

Also, strangely enough, while we were striving to overcome U.S. apartheid, the early pioneers who paved the way to the famous 1945, Manchester Pan African Conference were of Afro-American and Carribean origin, such as: E.B. Dubois, Marchus Garvey, Paul Robenson, George Pad-

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From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.
Interim Editor

I have been very pleased with the response by many of you to RENEW your subscriptions to the **Baptist Informer.** Mrs. Phyllis Holloway, Secretary of the Informer and her assistants, have worked very hard assisting me in upgrading the paper. We continue to encourage you to send in news about your churches, Associations and Unions.

Those of you that subscribe to the paper, we would like for you to tell others about the **Baptist Informer.** We want to increase our subscriptions by 25% in 1988. We can reach this goal with your help. "Ask a friend to subscribe to the paper."

I would like to thank the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, for serving as our Guest Editor this month. We have some exciting articles coming in the next few months: A special issue on Fayetteville, the site of our 1987 Annual Session in October; a look at Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, where Dr. John Fuller serves as pastor; A historical flashback to the Aug. 6, 1940 All Baptist Assembly and many other interesting General Baptist State Convention news items.

Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement. May God ever bless you.

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



"The Baptist Missionary"

First let me thank 2nd Vice President, Reverend John Mendez for serving as guest editor of the **Informer** this month. This issue is focused on "Mission and the Missionary Baptist Church."

During my tenure as President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I have been asked on several occasions: What does it mean to be a Missionary Baptist? What does it mean to be sent by God to serve? As Missionary Baptist we believe that first before we act on God's behalf we must receive a commission from God. We must be SAVED in Christ. Salvation is a result of Accepting Christ, Believing in Christ, and Confessing Christ. As a result of our salvation we are then commissioned by God as bearers of the ministry of reconciliation, love, peace, justice, and hope. We are then prepared to be sent as witnesses for Jesus Christ.

After we are saved in Jesus Christ and commissioned by God we are then ready to act on God's behalf. We are representatives of his Holy Word. We must be responsible, loyal, considerate, and dedicated to our task of Missionary service. As Missionary Baptist we have a responsibility of God for how we represent Him in our Christian living. We represent God by our stewardship, and our witness.

As stewards of the Kingdom of God the Missionary Baptist Church seeks to extend its ministry beyond the local church setting. We reach out with outreach ministries. Jesus set the example for us. His New Testament ministry was an extension of His teachings. Stewardship is a form of Gospel Liberation: we are set free in Christ to ". . .preach the gospel to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to captives, and recovering the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. . ." (Luke 4:18-19). Through our giving of time, talent, our tenth, our body temple we reach out beyond ourselves. Christian Mission is an extension process of God in Christ to the oppressed and suffering in our world.

We are also Missionary Baptist because of our witness for Christ through evangelism. The fundamental calling for Missionary Baptist is that of evangelism. We become evangelist and must go to the utmost parts of the world seeking the lost and unsaved. As Paul writes," . . . every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess Jesus Christ is Lord" (Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-12). There are millions of unsaved persons around the world. The purpose of the Missionary Baptist Church is to go out and witness the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ. We must preach, teach, and pray repentance for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Finally as Missionary Baptist we must represent Christ through a cross-centered ministry to a lost world. "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No there is a cross for everyone and there is a cross for me." As Missionary Baptist we must be willing to allow God to use us for His Glory. My grandmother sang a song: "Use me Lord, use me for your Glory, use me Lord help me to tell the story. Yes I will obey I'll go all the way, use me Lord, use me."

We become instruments for God. I am reminded of the great musicians of the world and how they play their instruments. Many times these instruments are very valuable, and expertly crafted. But only until the musician picks up the instruments and begins playing it do we share in the beauty of its sound. That is the way life is too. We are instruments of God, we are precious in God's sight, we are crafted and made in His image; but, until God picks us up and uses us, like the musician uses an instrument, it is not until that time that we share in the sound of God's music of life.

As Missionary Baptist we have been given a great Christian responsibility. I encourage each of you to continue to allow God to use you for the up-building of His Kingdom. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our Usher's Convention in Jacksonville, July 14-16, 1987 and our Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, August 13-15, 1987 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

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103rd WBH&FMC Annual Session

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

The time is upon us for the observance of the 103rd Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. This Session convenes July 21-23, Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center, where Galilee Baptist Church will serve as host, along with her pastor, Dr. W.C. Hay. The Woman's Convention invites you to join her in worship, class study, witnessing, fellowship and giving at this Session.

Please be reminded to pray that God's guidance be with those who share in this missions endeavor.

Among the conventional activities are:

1. Galilee Baptist Church, the host church, will present a Pre-Conventional Musical on Sunday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Galilee, Winston-Salem. Courtesy transportation will be provided from the Hyatt Hotel, the headquarters, to the church. Persons desiring a ride should be ready to leave at 6:30 p.m. en route to the church.

2. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday at the Benton Convention Center.

3. The Executive Board meeting will begin Monday morning at 10 in the Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel.

4. At 1:45 p.m. is the General Board meeting, which is also in the Regency Ballroom.

5. At 3:00 p.m., the convention's choir will rehearse in the Regency Ballroom.

6. The Pre-Convention Banquet begins at 6 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may secure tickets ($15.00 each) from the Office of the Woman's Convention now.

7. Seniors will meet in the North Main Hall, Upper Level, Benton Convention Center; the Young Adults will meet in a section of the South Main Hall, Upper Level, Benton Convention Center; and the Youth will meet in the Skating Rink (Convention Center).

8. The "Life Membership March" will be a part of Tuesday afternoon's festivities which begin at 2 p.m. Persons who march are to wear their pins at that time.

9. President Edwards will give her annual address Wednesday morning. Please dress in white.

10. The Youth Concert begins at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Center. The Session ends on Thursday morning with the installation of officers.

All Baptist Picnic — The All Baptist Picnic will be Saturday, July 18, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The schedule is as follows: 9:30-10:30 a.m. — Arrival and recreation; 10:30 a.m. — Cessation of recreation and preparation for worship; 11 a.m. — Worship (Chapel); 12:30 p.m. — Lunch; 1:30-5:00 p.m. — Recreation, etc. The Rev. James McLean, pastor of Star Bethlehem, Laurinburg, will deliver the sermon.

50th WBH&FMC Leadership Conference Training

By Mrs. Hattie Williams and Mrs. Dollie Sullivant

LAUREL HILL — The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina presented its 50th Annual Session of the Leadership Training Conference June 1-5, at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Fifty-one persons registered for the session.

The conventional theme, "His Word: Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense," was the theme for the LTC Session.

In the opening session, greetings were given by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Administrative Assistant, Ms. Bettie Chislom, and Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Conference Coordinator and Pianist. Mrs. Lucas led us in singing our theme song, "We Have Come Into This House to Magnify the Lord."

Our instructor, Mrs. Robbie Diggs, led us in the discussion of the text, **A Woman's Workshop On Forgiveness**, By Kirkie Morrissey. In her introduction she told us that we are forgiven as we forgive others. It (forgiveness) promotes healing and wholeness and restores us to fellowship.

Among the topics in the text for study were "Why Do We Hurt?", "God's Remedy for Our Pain," "How God's Remedy Becomes My Solution," "My Daily Need," "Wash Me, Lord," "Games We Play With God," "Forgiving Ourselves," and "Forgiving Others." Our study reassured us that we who worship God must be holy as God is.

The following committees were organized: Worship, Cabin Leaders, Banquet, Evaluation, Memorial, Ushers, Crafts, Résumé, and Assembly and Cafeteria.

As usual our "nature study" was conducted by Sister Annie Bryant and our arts and crafts by Sister Rosa Holloway and others.

The annual memorial and vesper services were held in the Baptist Assembly Chapel on Wednesday with Sister Diggs preaching. Music was by the Conference choir under the direction of Sister Lucas. Ninety-nine persons were memorialized. Because of the absence of the guest minister, Rev. W.G. McDuffie, our own superintendent, Rev. Theodore Breeden, delivered the sermon. His subject was "Putting on Your Gospel Shoes;" the text was Romans 10:15. "No matter what kind of mud you walk in, the Gospel shoes will still shine"

Thursday night featured our annual banquet with Sister Novella Whitted, Fourth Vice-President (WBH&FMC), as our speaker. Her topic was "Preparation for the Banquet in the Sky." "In order to prepare for the banquet in the sky we have to be born again and accept Christ as our personal Savior. Read and study the Word of God."

Friday morning activities closed our study session. Reports were given by the committees. Special presentations were given to Mesdames Fannie Robinson, Cora Breeden, Virginia Breeden, Robbie Diggs, and Jettie M. Lucas. In recognition of Mrs. Lucas retiring from her employment, the conference gave her a gift and Mrs. Colene Stanley read a poem. Mrs. Lucas gave the workers certificates of appreciation. Dr. Brodie, with the help of volunteers, gave certificates of attendance and the electric handshake. We then formed the fellowship circle and sang "A Charge To Keep" and Rev. Breeden played the closing prayer.

97th Anniversary Observed

By Mrs. Mabel G. Dalton

The Missionary Circle of Beulah Baptist Church of Madison observed its 97th Anniversary June 7. The guest speaker was Dr. W.C. Hay, Moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association, and pastor of Galilee Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. Music was furnished by the Male Chorus of his church. Others appearing on the program were: Rev. Charles E. Carter, pastor of Beulah; Rev. Jesse Alred, associate pastor; Sister Elizabeth Collins, Mistress of Ceremonies; Nancy Joyce, prayer; Louise Martin, welcome; Helen Dalton, history of the circle; and Deacon Eugene Hairston, remarks.

Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

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(Continued from June 1987)



Dr. Henry J. Lyons

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CONCEPTS OF LEADERSHIP

The **trait theory** holds that certain characteristics essential to leadership are innate in some persons but not in others. Leaders are born rather than made. They achieve their positions by being born with traits such as self-confidence, desirable physical appearance, intelligence, aggressiveness, and organizing ability. The weakness of this approach became obvious when studies revealed the impossibility of composing a list of "necessary" traits on which all would agree or which characterized all outstanding leaders. Successful leaders have often possessed few of these traits. A case in point might be the apostle Paul, who "came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom," was weak, trembling and afraid (cf. 1 Cor. 2:1-4).

FUNCTION OF THE GROUP

A second view holds that leadership cannot be understood as residing solely in a person and his characteristics. Rather than leadership being the exclusive possession of one person, the skills, potential, education, needs, prejudices, etc., of group members will determine who will be performing what leadership functions. The emphasis is on the leadership structure of a group rather than on an individual.

The **situational theory** suggests that leaders are selected to meet the needs of a group which is confronted with a specific task. Leaders will be changed according to their ability to meet the group's task at any given time. For example, a family stranded on a lonely highway would gladly follow the leadership of a competent automobile mechanic called to help. But they would prefer a skilled mathematician to assist their daughter with her college course in calculus.

FACTORS THAT FAVOR LIFE-GIVING LEADERSHIP

Life-giving leaders are open to the guidance of God's Spirit. They are aggressive yet very supportive, leading yet serving. Consequently, much of their leadership activity might be categorized as emergent. Being appointed or elected to a position of leadership is an honor but not a necessity for a person to practice life-giving.

In my evaluation of life-giving leadership, people tend to respond most favorably to certain types of behavior and tend to be repelled by other types. Here are some of them:

PEOPLE LIKE FOR A LEADER TO BE:

Friendly
Truthful
Hard-working
Open, yet tactful
Caring
Supportive
Committed
Enthusiastic
Trusting
Group-oriented
Emotionally mature
Self-confident

PEOPLE DISLIKE FOR A LEADER TO BE:

Unfriendly
Authoritarian
Manipulative
Lazy
Tactless
Unfeeling
Laissez-faire
Emotionless
Suspicious
Unsure
Emotionally immature

The most widely held view of leadership cannot easily be given a name. It is the theory that leadership is a function of four basic factors: the leader's skills and abilities, the persons who are related in the group, the task or work being undertaken by the group, and the situation (social, political, economic, etc.). In some sense this view combines the features of the first three. Perhaps its most important implication is that a consistently effective leader must learn to act and perform functions which take into account the interaction of all these factors. For example, a pastor may find it necessary to function as a discussion leader with church deacons, as a resource person when an ex officio member of a church committee, but must give directions to his secretary regarding how he wishes his correspondence handled. His effectiveness depends upon his ability to perceive when and in what ways he must adjust his role.

HEADSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

An important distinction is often made between **headship** and **leadership.** The distinction has implications for groups seeking to function democratically, such as those usually found in churches. Headship is the exercise of authority resulting from the position or office held by the person. For example, a king, a president, an army officer, or even a church pastor rightfully does certain things because of his office. He might also be successful in securing a large number of followers who are either subject to his directives or influenced by his office. Usually such leaders are highly visible and easily identified through their formal titles and prerogatives.

A further point which needs to be made is that these two concepts are neither necessarily nor always separated in reality. Many persons who are elected to office are also those who exercise leadership (rather than only headship) within the group.

HEADSHIP

Maintained by organization
Determines goals
"Boss" separated from the group
Authority from source other than group
Plans and executes action
Status seen in title

LEADERSHIP

Selected by group
Goals from group
Close relationship with group members
Group gives authority
Implements group plans
Status comes from functioning

THE LEADERS PERSONALITY

A suggestive, but not at all exhaustive, list may be given in the form of an acrostic of the word itself:

P — patience, peace, perseverance, personal appearance, physique, politeness, poise, posture, practicalness, promptness, punctuality, purity, purpose

E — earnestness, education, efficiency, endurance, energy, elasticity, enthusiasm

R — realiability, resourcefulness, respect, responsibility, responsiveness, reverence

S — sacrifice, scholarship, self-control, sense, sensibility, sensitivity, serenity, service, sincerity, spirituality, strength, surrender, sympathy

O — objectivity, openmindedness, optimism

N — neatness, nerve, nobility, knack, knowledge

A — accuracy, action, achievement, adaptability, address, alertness, aptness, attractiveness

L — leadership, liberty, little things, love, loyalty

I — ideas, ideals, imagination, impartiality, initiative, insight, inspiration, intelligence, interest, intuition

T — tact, temperance, tenderness, thought, thrift (in time, money, energy), tolerance, truthfulness

Y — yourself at your best

SPECIFIC QUALITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

*Has a deep respect for the Bible
*Involves the group in making decisions about its life and study
*Plans sessions well ahead and has materials ready
*Is able to express own beliefs
*Understands how persons learn
*Helps members of the group to learn from their own experiences
*Is willing to use recommended materials
*Knows how to listen to others

THE PRICE OF LEADERSHIP

TRUE LEADERSHIP, even when it is practiced by the most mature and emotionally stable person, always exacts a toll on the individual. In our world it seems to be axiomatic that the greater the achievement, the higher the price to be paid. The same is true of leadership. Jesus himself seemed to have this thought in mind when he said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it" (Luke 9:24).

It is so very true that any worthwhile accomplishment has a price tag on it. The issue reduces itself to one basic question: how much are you really willing to pay — in hard work and sweat, in patience, in faith and endurance — to obtain it?

Ted Williams — baseball superstar of the forties and fifties — was once asked about his natural ability and immediately replied, "There is no such thing as a natural born hitter. I became a good hitter because I paid the price of constant practice, constant practice." Likewise, professional excellence in leadership doesn't just happen; it comes only through persistent effort.

CRITICISM

Criticism is a great price paid by leaders. If one cannot handle criticism, it means that basically he or she is emotionally immature. This defect will eventually show up and impede the leader's and the group's progress toward the common goal. Every leader has to expect some criticism.

EDITORIALS

ADEQUATE CHAPLAINCY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR PRISONS
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WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday (April 22, 1987) by a 5 to 4 decision upheld as constitutional the Georgia State Court's imposition of the death penalty in the McCleskey case, despite strong and convincing evidence demonstrated in the Baldue study that a criminal defendant is 11 times more likely to receive the death sentence in the courts at that state if the victim was white than if the victim was black; and

WHEREAS, The N.C. General Assembly now has before it proposed legislation to protect children seventeen years of age or under from the receiving the death sentence; and

WHEREAS, the Council considers it especially important, in light of the McCleskey decision, to reaffirm its long-standing opposition to the death penalty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council does reaffirm its opposition to the death penalty and requests its member churches to:

1) petition the N.C. General Assembly to enact the bill which would protect children from the death penalty and, further, to introduce and enact a bill which would abolish the death penalty for all persons, and

2) petition the Governor of North Carolina to commute the sentences of those persons now on Death Row.

Trifles

Putting Them In Their Place

By Hazel McLean

Sometimes our tensions are inspired by trifles that have an irritating habit of rushing on to life's stage and stealing the show. A flat tire when you start to work on a bright, sunny morning can ruin your day. A spill at the breakfast table, can play havoc with your disposition and leave you a twelve-hour legacy of irritability. When you take time to get a bit of perspective, it's perfectly clear that the flat tire and the spill at the breakfast table were trifles not really worth ten minutes concern. Nevertheless, they stole the show and made you miserable.

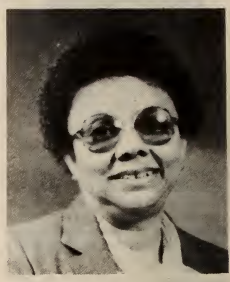
Trifles will keep us awake half of the night and mole hills turn into mountains before morning. Geared to small things, our lives become as little as our small troubles. Trifles rob us of our power to live creatively and richly.

By definition a trifle is "a thing of little value or importance," a trivial affair" not really worth more than a moment's notice. Nevertheless, trifles do invade our lives to obscure the primary business of living.

In dealing with little things and learning to manage them in stride, it helps simply to accept the fact that they are quite inevitable. Shoes squeak, doors bang, children spill, husbands snore, toast burns, T.V.s stop working, faucets drip no matter what. You haven't been singled out to be annoyed. You are simply meeting life as it is. Annoyances confront all of us.

It is helpful to recognize that there are some trivials that can be eliminated and others we cannot escape. Of course, irritating trifles should not be accepted when it is possible to do something about them. We need to learn to recognize the difference between trivial annoyances that need to be accepted and those that can be eliminated at their source.

There are times when a little personal discipline can get rid of annoying trifles. A little imagination can go along way in making living happier and richer. A little thoughtfulness and consideration for others can be helpful. A sense of humor is a saving virtue. Laughter is a remarkable safety value in the face of irritated indignation. Reading, meditations, and prayer are fruitful ways of undressing the mind and leaving the weight of irritations behind. This sweeps out the dusty corners of our minds where irritations fester. "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your path." Proverbs 3:6. This spiritual vantage point will enable you to sense that life's most important values often are nourished on the creative use of annoying trifles. You will see them as growing points on the road to mature selfhood. You will comprehend them as tools with which to fashion character. Never forget that every life experience, no matter how distasteful, can be a source of personal growth and power.



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Christian Unity

By Rev. Dr. T.E. Holmes, Pastor Community Baptist Church New Haven, Connecticut

During the early morning of Christian era, when most of the known world was under the influence of heathenism, Paul penned, what is thought by some scholars, a circular letter to several churches. However, this letter is addressed to the saints (Christians) at Ephesus. In a portion of this epistle (letter) Paul praises the Ephesian congregation, who in the past had been idolatrous heathens, but now converted to Christianity and received into the covenant with God. In the early portions of this epistle, he reminded the Ephesians of their deplorable condition before their conversion and instructs them in the principle duties of religion, both personal and relative, and exhorts and quickens them to faithfully discharge them.

Put on the New Man: Your hearts and minds must be completely new, put on the new self which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright. Similarly, the apostle wrote to the congregation at Corinth: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17) If a person says he is a Christian and continues his same lifestyle, that person is not telling the truth. There must be exhibited "Christlikeness" in the lives of those who have passed from darkness into the marvelous light of Christ. **Christ**-likeness should be **the ultimate aim** of all Christians. "Beloved, now are we sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." (I John 3:2)

To be united in Christ there must be **truthfulness**. "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." (Ephesians 6:14) "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth to his neighbor: for we are members one of another. **Be angry, and sin not:** let not the sun go down upon your wrath (anger)." (Ephesians 4:25-26) These words are not an injunction to be angry, but a caution not to sin when you are angry. Reconcile your disputes, and/or your differences before the sun goes down is the admonition given to Christians. The advice not to cherish anger after sunset can be traced back to the **Pythogoreans** who would shake hands and settle their disputes before sunset.

Anger may be compared to a **boisterous wind.** Anger, if nourished and sustained, will become as hurricanes and tornados, violent and destructive. Perhaps you will recall "Gloria" the hurricane which was destructive to many parts of New England. Anger, if not gotten rid of, and left to smoulder, can be just as destructive. We are therefore warned not to allow anger to become adhesive and cling to us. Don't let the sun go down before you talk it out — get **it out of your system.**

Hurricane "Gloria" destroyed property, homes and everything in its path. Uncontrolled anger has destroyed many relationships, many what was thought to be lasting friendships, and many homes that struggled, self denials, sweat, blood and tears had built. If left unattended, it is devastating. Anger has the potential to destroy more in a few months than one can rebuild or furbish in years. **Don't let the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil.**

You and I are admonished to be **introspective,** to examine our own minds and their contents reflectively, if we are to remain in union with Christ.

We can be angry not only with others but also with self and with God. **Gossip may be a form of anger.** It is better however, to express anger than to repress it. Even though gossip may be an expression of anger, it does not release and liberate you. Gossip may be a relief momentarily, but the anger usually remains.

Don't let the sun go down upon your anger. Well, what if anger is evoked after sunset? Before the sun sets tomorrow, express it, confess it, and seek restoration.

Anger extinguishes the light which should guide our feet in the paths of peace. If there is not a peaceful relationship, it is not always the fault of others. Our attitudes, yours and mine, have much to do with our peaceful existence.

Anger dethrones reasoning. One cannot think clearly, if one does think, it is how to be combative (that is, to get even), or how to do evil for evil.

That first century preacher, Paul, realizing the consequences of anger, warned the church at Ephesus and all other churches, not to let the sun go down upon your wrath (anger) **you are going to get angry, yes, but don't harbor it,** if you do you and others will pay for it later.

A housewife became angry one morning before going to her office. Upon her arrival at her office, her mood affected the other workers in the office. One of her co-workers called home, and her contagious mood upset her family. What a chain reaction! It had its origin with one angry housewife.

Haven't you heard the expression: I was so angry I didn't know what to do? I learned much from one of my college professors who would have said, if you don't know what to do, don't do anything.

Brooding anger in the mind becomes the parents of malice and hatred. Anger in the mind, if kept there, will brood malice which will become offensive and disgusting to others, and wound tender feelings, and embitter spirits. What is malice? Malice is a degree of anger that's beyond simple anger. If you nourish anger, it will give rise to malice. The apostle Paul said you can remedy that now — rid yourself of it — before the sun goes down.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice. "Let no corrupt speaking come out of your mouth other than what is edifying: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:29-32)

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Vision (Continued from page 2)

more, C.L.R. James, and later renewed its spirit such as Malcolm X, Howard Fuller and the late Walter Rodney. They reminded us that Africa must be for the Africans at home and abroad. We can never be totally free until Africa is free. Hence, no matter how the other tried to misinform us, our common heritage and history spoke the truth louder, reminding us, that the blood that unites us is thicker than the water that divides us.

Q. Does struggling for freedom and justice by the blacks mean Change of values in order for them to fit the white world?

A. I believe Africa and other third world nations that represent the oppressed nations hold the hope for the future. The west has proven how technologically productive it can be, and how profitable it can be, but it has also shown how greedy, destructive and inhuman it can be. Washington is in essence crowded, concrete jungles. Africa contains within its tradition principles that are more humane and salvable for our world. They correspond to the teachings of Jesus. As we strive to develop African theology and Black theology, we must be conscious of the values by which we live. We are not only being set free from something but we are liberated for something. We are to be our true selves. Not Europeans, not white Americans but our true selves as derived from our heritage, struggles for justice and freedom. Therefore, the values we stress must emphasize the wholeness of life, a human centered cosmology, salvation of the community and not just the individual I emphasize of the importance of relationship. For the individual funds, his meaning in community.

Q. Throughout the ages, slavery, apartheid, and racism have been part and parcel of the relationship between whites and blacks. What is your assessment of these problems?

A. Slavery, apartheid and racism are evil. I must say here that the spirit of love and support for Africa has been galvanized and reinforced more recently as a result of our protests on behalf of South Africa. Many have gone to jail for South Africa, including myself. To the Christian faith racism is a heresy. Racism is, idolatry. Racism is a lie. It presupposes that God is a liar because it rejects the Christian truth that all men are created in the image of God. It presupposes God is not infinite in His Wisdom because God made a mistake in creation. These racist presuppositions are being expanded a new by the pseudo Evangelicals of the new fundamentalists right wing persuasion in America. While on the one hand they claim they want to win Africa to Christ through their missionaries who are nothing but salvation brokers and salvation peddlers, who want you to forget about political, social, economic and cultural freedom and wait until you get to heaven to receive your rewards, and on the other hand, they slap you in the face by coming out in support of apartheid. That is what Jerry Falwell did when he called South Africa's leader and nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu a "phony." He called Bishop Tutu a "phony" for standing up for justice, dignity and peace. But what does Falwell and the new religious evangelical right stand for, including Bob Jones University; support of apartheid against Blacks, Jews, Catholics and women, support for the nuclear arms race, they stand for sexism, and white domination of the world. They want to do this in the name of the Christ who taught us that, "God so loved the world," and blessed are the peacemakers. "I ask then, who is the real phony?" Only the phony can defend apartheid.

Many of these evangelicals who come to Africa with arms full of food, money and offering bribes and status, will never lift a finger to feed a starving child in Mississippi or South Carolina. They are virtually invisible to the Black, Indian Chicana communities of America. If they are hypocrites in America they will be hypocrites in Africa. When they come to you seeking your souls, first ask them what is the status of their relationship to Blacks in America? Then watch them tremble.

Q. The common white man's gospel in America is understood to state that American blacks are wealthy, and civilized more than their counterparts, the Africans, most of whom are said to be cannibals? Do you support this gospel?

A. It is important that you understand the real plight of Black people in the U.S. This is a myth which is circulated broadly suggesting that all Blacks are wealthy. Many white people intentionally try to obscure the real situation of Blacks in America. Many of you who visit the states never visit the Black community. But contrary to popular belief, while some Blacks have done well, the mass majority are still oppressed. The U.S. military industrial complex budget along with exploitating banks and corporations have taken away food from over 5 million hungry people in America, poor children no longer have free hot lunches in school, young people can no longer get important loans or grants to go to college, the elderly are suffering because at today's high cost of living, it is impossible to survive on just social security and president wants to wipe that out. Jobs are leaving the U.S. going to South Korea and Taiwan for cheaper wages, thus leaving millions unemployed, farmers are losing their farms and Blacks are losing millions of acres of land a year. New signs of apartheid are surfacing as we see the use of new hate groups like Ku Klux Klan and other paramilitary survival groups. Civil rights and affirmative action programmes are being undermined by this administration. Black males make up the vast majority in prisons, because they are poor and cannot afford qualified attorneys. The Black family is slowly deteriorating. It is under these kinds of conditions that the Black Church is called to minister and to seek goals of liberation.

Q. What is your vision to enable possible linkage and cooperation between American Black Churches and African Churches?

A. I think one of our present goals is to build a black ecumenical movement within the United States of America which will have a link with Africa. We should not have religious denominations stand in the way to divide us. We as black people have a common identity, regardless of our denominational or church affiliation. Maybe it is important that we see the overall goal of liberation for all of us. It is very vital that the church speaks out together as a whole, prophetically with one voice. Indeed, it is significant that all black churches work together as an ecumenical body.

We should be able to work with our white brothers who believe in the cause of oneness. The church as a whole must speak out together against injustices and evil, not to remain narrow and isolated blocks giving excuses to systems which dehumanize and destroy life.

This is why now it is so crucial that the Black Churches in America and the African Churches in Africa become linked through the AACC. Our struggle and mission are the same. The visits of your representatives Rev. Rafransoa, Archbishop Kuria, Mr. Zelleke and others to our country seeking to establish links with Black Churches in America and this honourable invitation to be a guest at the All Africa Conference of Churches is a great step forward.

2nd Vice President Prepares For Africa Mission

By Rev. Archie D. Logan Jr.
Interim Editor

On Aug. 11-26, Rev. John Mendez, Second Vice President of General Baptist State Convention, and Leroy Wall of the Emmanuel Baptist of Winston-Salem, will be participating in a study tour to Africa that will facilitate personal contact between Black American Pastors, church leaders and our African Christian counterparts. This trip will be a cooperative effort sponsored by Partners in Ecumenism of the World Council of Churches in cooperation with the Africa Desk, Justice and Liberation of the National Council of Churches USA and Black Theology Project.

The focus of the trip will be to attend the 5th Assembly of the All African Conference of Churches in Lome, Togo. In March of 1984, a high level delegation of leaders from the All African Conference of Churches visited the United States seeking to establish relations with the Black Churches of America. Dr. Maxima Rafransoa, former General Secretary then of the AACC and Sefu Zelleke, Administrative Director, visited Winston-Salem, and participated in the worship services at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Following, a special luncheon was hosted in their honor through a cooperative effort of Shiloh Baptist Church, J. Ray Butler, Pastor; Gilmore's Funeral Home, Emmanuel Baptist Church; and participating city officials, Alderman Vivian Burke; and Assistant City Manager, Al Beaty. It was also during that time, Dr. E.B. Turner and other members of the GBSC were introduced to the distinguish African delegation. Later that year, the Convention received greetings from the AACC during our annual session. In August of 1984, a special invitation was extended to Rev. John Mendez to attend their General Board Meeting in Madagascar and tour the headquarters site in Naroibi, Kenya, East Africa. Rev. Mendez became the first local Black Pastor to address that August body and speak to various African Churches throughout the country.

The All African Conference of Churches (AACC) was formed in April of 1963 at an Assembly of the Churches of Africa held ast Kampala, Uganda. The AACC is a fraternal association of churches and National Christian Councils, a fellowship of consultation and cooperation within the wider fellowship of the universal church. The AACC has 118 member Churches in 33 countries in Africa representing 120 million Christians. There are about 16 National Christian Councils which are associate members and 10 associated organizations. The AACC staff directs programs in the following areas: Faith and Selfhood of the Church (Evangelism, dialogue, training, Church history), Church and African Society (community, family, women, youth), development consultancy (hunger and food production, education and training for development, evaluation and feasibility studies), Social Questions and International Affairs (human rights, apartheid, militarism), Refugees and Emergency, Communications and Training Programs. Both Bishop Desmond Tutu and Dr. Alan Bosak are members of the AACC.

The theme for this year's assembly will be "Ye shall be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8). Delegates from the 136 member and affiliated bodies, fraternal guests, observers, journalists, consultants and staff will be in attendance at the Assembly. The delegates will be inclusive of men and women from the leadership of the African Churches, manual workers, rural persons, refugees and other local and international representatives. There will be reports from Southern, East, Central, North and West Africa that will challenge the African Christian Witness. The emphasis will be on finding ways to serve one another through our sharing. Members from the Afro-American delegation will bring greetings to the worship services at various churches and make presentations to the Assembly. Special time will be set aside for dialogue between Afro-American Churches in the U.S. and African Churches. "We pray that the fellowship will continue after the Assembly," says Rev. Mendez.

The study tour will also include visits to Dakar, Senegal and Banjul, Gambia where we will visit Church World Service Project, Goree Island (primary center of slave trade), National Museums and participate in workshops on religion in Africa with the Council of Churches.

FOREIGN MISSION SPECIAL

The Missionary Mandate

By Rev. Brenda Kirton

(Editor's Note: Reverend Kirton is from Georgetown Guyana, South America, she is a Senior at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina majoring in Public Administration/ Pre-Theology. Reverend Kirton attends First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. where the Reverend Dr. Charles Ward is pastor.)

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Reverend Archie D. Logan, Jr., Interim Editor of the **Informer** for asking me to reflect on my experiences as a Missionary student from Guyana, South America. Guyana is geographically located on the main coast of South America, it has an area of 83,000 square miles. The country is rich with minerals and other natural resources. The population of Guyana is approximately 2,000,000.

I heard about Shaw University from Rev. Erma miller, Dr. W.C. Somerville and other officials of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Dr. Somerville and the Lott Carey family have a great ministry in Guyana. They provide churches, schools, hospitals, college scholarships, and many other Christian ministries.

The Master's command to the disciples was to take the Gospel to all people both at home and abroad. Through history the task of taking the Gospel to new lands has been a bitter/sweet experience. It is believed that the Christian Gospel reached Guyana during colonization. During the years of slave trading, Guyana was a port of entry for West African slaves. Many of these slaves were taken on to America, but some were sold to "sugar plantation" owners in Guyana. Indentured slaves were brought from Asia. The indentured slaves were allowed to practice the religion of their origins freely; however, the African slaves were exposed to Christianity on a limited basis — only to make them less rebellious. A familiar sermon text was "Obey them that have rule over you" (Hebrews 13:17).

In 1966 Guyana became an independent nation and in 1970 a Republic. There are three official religions in Guyana, recognized by the government: Islam, Hinduism and Christianity. Christianity is the largest of the three; however, like here in America there are many small non-affiliated religious groups. Before 1976 over 70 percent of the primary and secondary schools were church affiliated.

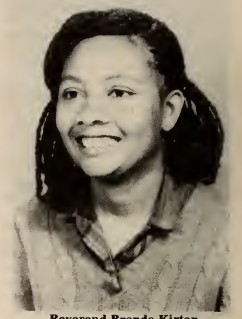
In the late 1950's the Reverend Dr. A.C. Miller organized a Missionary Baptist movement known as the "Guyana Missionary Baptist Church." Dr. Miller developed the church and began to seek support for his ministry in the United States. In 1975, Dr. W.C. Somerville and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention agreed to support the Guyana Missionary Baptist. The Lott Carey Convention immediately assisted Dr. Miller, himself a medical doctor, and his wife Mrs. Erma Miller, a trained Registered Nurse, in developing a "Medical Ministry" for the people who lived in the remote areas of Guyana, and who did not have access to medical service.

The ministry grew rapidly and a hospital was erected for the area, which serves neighborhoods within a 300 mile radius. Along with the medical ministry an educational ministry was started. One of the differences in America and in Guyana is the belief that God ministers to the whole person. In Guyana people see God in His wholeness and completeness. God becomes medicine for a sick mother; God become literacy for an uneducated child; God is identified with the entire existence of the person.

Children began to learn about Jesus and their school work when they had food to eat and their medical needs were met. The Guyana Baptist Church was also helped by the Reverend Dr. Lonnie Simmon and the New Bethel Baptist Church of Youngstown, Ohio. New Bethel established a school lunch program for many of the children that attend the Baptist School. Also my church family here in America, the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, Dr. Charles Ward, Pastor is a strong and generous supporter of Lott Carey and its work in Guyana. I could go on and on talking about the work of Dr. Somerville, Lott Carey, Dr. Simmon and others but I do want to share with you briefly what I feel Missionary support has done for me and my country.

I have been greatly blessed by God through the "Missionary Mandate" of Baptist Christians in the United States. I believe that the more God blesses us individually or as a group, the MORE He expects of us. God has blessed America, I have seen despairing gaps between the standard of living here and that in certain areas of Guyana. I believe God leads the Missionary Baptist Church in America to reach out to other Christians around the world. Also God expects MORE of me, because I have been a recipient of His special blessings. I plan to return to Guyana and work in the Missionary Baptist Church and the schools we have. I want to share my education with others who were unable to study abroad. I have new skills to share, new ideas to develop, new dreams to make a reality.

Most importantly for me is my faith and belief in the need of national "evangelism" for Guyana. There are thousands of unsaved persons in my country. Many of them have not heard about the "GOOD NEWS" of Jesus Christ. Many people in Guyana exist from day to day without hope that things can and will get better. God has given me this opportunity to prepare myself and I feel the power of God in control of my life. If I had more space in my article I would share with you how I identify with Jonah. I did not want to be a minister, as a woman I have faced many trials and tribulations in my ministry. Like Jonah for a long time I ignored God and went my separate way. But I have come to truly believe that when God decides to draw you and capture you in His "Will," (like Jonah was captured in the belly of the fish), there is no escape from the power of God.



Reverend Brenda Kirton

The foreign field offers great challenges, new horizons, new frontiers of ministry. Jesus more than any other person understands the Gospel Mandate found in Matthew 28:19-20. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am, with you always, even unto the end of the world." As we go and teach, and develop the foreign field the Christian Ministry becomes self-sufficient. As Paul traveled on his missionary journeys he planted the seeds for Christian church growth. The greatest challenge for those of us who are foreign students and have been blessed with the greatest CALLING that any person could have in this life is to go back home and give all that we can give to spread the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel.

YOUNG MISSIONARIES — "Hearers and Doers"

By Mrs. Vernie B. Williams,
Contributing Editor

It has been very inspirational for me to share with the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina for many years. It is important to the growth of the church, that young people are prepared for Missionary Service and Stewardship.

On the state level, as youth members move up to the Young Adult Department and as our supervisors move to other areas, their vacancies have been filled with those who have been just as efficient and most of all inspirational to the entire department. Our past state supervisor, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell is now director at the Bible Camp. Mrs. Elfreida Brooks is the state supervisor for the Youth Department and we always look forward to sharing with her and the other officers from across the state. I always come home with a renewed spirit. Rev. Lacy Simpson, Jr. is the current state president and he too will one day move to the Young Adult Department. Lacy's testimonies have touched the lives of the young people in our convention. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with him and to share in helping "Win Souls To Christ."

On the local, county and district levels, I can see that each year there are new faces, young missionaries coming into focus. We are impressed with some of the youth participants.

As youth missionaries, at the present time, we are studying the book that was selected by our state office, **Hearers and Doers** by Morton F. Rose. I would like to share some of the contents of the youth study book with our readers.

Persons of all ages need to understand how God can call and use every believer. Are you too young to consider how God wants you to minister? The doctrine of the laity is a statement of the biblical truth that all the people of God are called to minister in His name with the gifts He provides for us. (I Cor. 12:4-7).

The first chapter of **Hearers and Doers** helps us describe God's "business." From the beginning, God has been working to achieve His purpose, or His business. That purpose is best seen when we look at Jesus' dying on the cross. **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son** (John 3:16). Something in God's nature caused Him to make the supreme sacrifice of His son. That "something" was His love. There is only one kind of love like that: God's love (I John 4:16).

There is only one kind of life worthy of love like that — eternal life. Therefore because of His love, God is the supreme life giver. Love is His method. Giving life is His purpose. He gives eternal life. God wants us to submit to His cleansing, forgiving, and saving process. There is no



Mrs. Vernie B. Williams

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risk with God. This experience of rebirth brings joy, not pain.

The Believer's Life

The word **believer** carries the idea that those who have met God's demand for faith. By faith we may all obtain eternal life. By faith we are saved. By faith we move into the future, trusting God. Those who have faith in Christ are believers. We Baptist believers are evangelistic. That means we want to win the world away from death to faith and eternal life in Christ. Before we were saved, we experienced the evangelistic efforts of others. We were blessed by their interest and prayers. We became believers because of their evangelistic efforts. Now we have become a part of our church's work of evangelism. That is a marvelous experience. That is a part of God's plan for us to help Him.

GOD WANTS HELP TODAY. He wanted to share His work. It makes no difference how we classify ourselves. All believers are included. We are members of the group God wants to help Him. Some of us may think we are only members, not leaders. That makes no difference. Leaders and members alike are seen first and foremost as believers in Christ, the group God wants to use. God always has chosen believers to help Him. Hebrews 11:1-40 lists men and women who were used because of their faith. GOD EQUIPS BELIEVERS. Ephesians 4 teaches that believers need to be equipped for His work. We need to be established firmly in our relationships with Christ and with other believers. Those relationships grow out of the greatest and most important gift taught in the Bible — that gift of life.

We want to remember that He is in the life-giving business and that love is His method. With that in mind, we already are off to a good start in being equipped. We need the gift of love if we are to help others find life in Christ. God has chosen to give every believer His love. Love is the door to sharing with God's gift of life. If we have this gift of love, even though we may be short on other gifts we can still do well as ministers of life. Every believer can have the gift of love. With it we have our first step in being equipped for a ministry.

Training is a lifelong journey. We can just keep on learning as long as we search out the scriptures. There is no better way to grow more capable than by actually doing the work.

State Mission

The Children's Corner

By Rev. Paul Andrew Jackson

(Editor's Note: This is a new feature that will be seen on a regular basis. Rev. Jackson is pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham).



Rev. Paul Andrew Jackson

Say "No" To Drugs

If you think taking drugs is alright
and fine;
You need to go back and check your
mind;
You need to be in school instead;
Before taking drugs ever go to
your head;
Because you might wake up one day
and find yourself misled.

By Cheree White
First Calvary Baptist Church,
Durham

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General Baptist Poet

By Mr. James A. Richmond

Mr. James A. Richmond is active in the East Cedar Grove Association where he serves as First Vice Moderator of the Ministers, Deacon and Deaconess Union, on the Executive Board, and on the Development and Planning Committee.

He is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture located on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Mr. Richmond is married to the former Shirley Brown of Durham and they are the parents of three daughters, Mesina, Valerie and Monica, and one son James Jr.



Mr. James A. Richmond

LIFE

Another year has come and gone;
Another season is here;
Many thoughts have flooded my
mind;
Some good, some bad, I fear.

I thought of you, I thought of me;
I thought of loved ones gone;
I thought about the right and
wrong;
I wondered what I had done.

I cannot recapture yesterday;
Today is about to pass;
I must not idle moments away;
Even tomorrow will not last.

Though the years, seasons, and days
go by;
My thoughts will still remain;
When I have done the very best
I can;
May my living not be in vain.

James A. Richmond, Sr. — 1983

YES

It is easy to be pleasant
When life flows along like a song;
But the man worthwhile is the man
who can smile
When everything seems to go wrong.

For the rest of the heart is troubles
That often comes with the years;
But the man worth the homage of
heaven and earth
Is the man who smiles through the
tears.

James A. Richmond, Sr. — 1987

"Fault" or "Why"

If today I feel sad
Maybe in the past I was bad.
If tomorrow looks bleak
Maybe I fail to be meek.
If deeds of yesterday clutter today
Maybe I did not help someone along
the way.
If problems I try to forget
Maybe my guilty conscious causes
me to fret.
If my survival is hard at best
Maybe I do not know how to stand
the test.
If I do what I should and stay in my
place
Maybe my chances are better to win
life's race.
If I expect help from above
Maybe I should share a little more
love.
If I continue to do wrong
Maybe that is why I can hardly
get along.
If society or mankind I try to blame
Maybe I will still be judged in my
own name.
If I am filled with anger and hate
Maybe I should devote more time to
my fate.
If my time is spent with my head up
in the air
Maybe that is why I am in despair.
If I truly want forgiveness for my low
estate
Maybe I should ask God today before
it is too late.

James A. Richmond, Sr. — 1985

STATE MISSION (Continued)

Tentative Congress Program

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Tuesday Evening — August 11
Assembly in the Sanctuary
Mrs. Inease Wicker, presiding

7:00 p.m. Program of Welcome
Music
Ushers
7:45 p.m. Response to Welcome
Music
7:50 p.m. Panel: Developing Effective Church Leadership
Music
8:10 p.m. Offering
Music
8:20 p.m. Sermon
9:00 p.m. Benediction

Wednesday Morning — August 12
Cedric H. Jones, presiding

8:30 a.m. Class Period (Go to classrooms, except youth ages (9-19); YOUTH AGES (9-19)
9:45 a.m. Reassemble in Sanctuary
Music
10:00 a.m. Scripture and Prayer
10:00 a.m. Greetings and Information
10:30 a.m. Baptist Training Union President's Address
11:30 a.m. Music
Sunday School President's Address
Recognitions:
12:00 State Convention Officers, Ministers and Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Church Training Directors, Teachers, Pupils, Christian Education Directors, Delegates, Past Congress Officers, Congress District Workers, District and County Convention Presidents, and Institutional and Agency Representatives
Offering
Music
Benediction
12:30 p.m. Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon — August 12
Daniel Sanders, presiding

2:00 p.m. Go Directly to Classes
3:00 p.m. Assemble in Sanctuary
Music
Scripture and Prayer
3:15 p.m. The Executive Secretary's Directives
3:25 p.m. The Senior Oratorical Contests
Decisions and Awards
Dismissal
5:30 p.m. Dinner

Wednesday Evening — August 12
Mrs. Hazel McLean, presiding

7:00 p.m. Assemble in Sanctuary
Music
Scriptures and Prayer
Music
7:20 p.m. Theme Address
Music
7:45 p.m. Offering
8:00 p.m. Annual Sermon
9:00 p.m. Benediction

Thursday Morning — August 13
Mrs. Frances Tate, presiding

8:30 a.m. Go to Classes (Ages 12-18)
10:15 a.m. Youth Pageant presented by the Youth Department
11:15 a.m. Awards and Recognitions
11:20 a.m. Reports
11:25 a.m. Music
11:30 a.m. Educational Sermon
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Benediction

Classes and Instructors

Ministers K.O.P. Goodwin
Sunday School Superintendents Mrs. Janifer Campbell
Sunday School Teachers Mrs. Bernice Artis
"Bible Teaching Through the Sunday School"
By Mavis Allen
Baptist Training Union Workers Inease Wicker
Adults In Church (36-Up) Dr. J.B. McLester
"Your Life and Your Church"
By J.L. Sullivan
Young Adults in Church (20-35)
"Bringing Up Children in Christian Faith"
By J.H. Westerhoff III
Older Youth in Church (15-19) Mrs. Elizabeth Young
Marcus Mason
Youth in Church (9-14) Mrs. Frances Tate
"The New Life"
By Knight & Schroeder
Church Music In Teaching/Training Mrs. Willie Jordan-Williams

— Diabetes —

Prevent The Problems

Diabetes *(high blood sugar)* may cause damage to certain parts of the body which can increase your risk of blindness, high blood pressure, heart disease, strokes, kidney disease, and may lead to amputations of the feet and legs. However, if you keep your blood sugar under control these problems may be prevented.

Take care of your body. You deserve the best!

Compiled By Curtis Jackson, MPH Director HHSP



EYES **Have your eyes checked every year.** Diabetes can cause problems in your eyes before you know it. Older people and those who have had diabetes for a long time are most likely to have eye damage. In most cases an eye doctor can treat problems to prevent loss of vision.

BLOOD PRESSURE



Get your blood pressure checked at least once a year *(more often if it has ever been high).* Many people with diabetes also have high blood pressure. High blood pressure can lead to a heart attack, stroke, or kidney damage. It can also damage your eyes. If you have high blood pressure follow your doctor's advice. You may need to take medicine, get regular exercise, and make changes in your diet.



SMOKING **Do not smoke.** It can increase the damage to your blood vessels. If you can't stop smoking by yourself, contact your doctor or clinic for help.



WEIGHT **Stay close to your ideal body weight.** Being overweight will usually increase your blood sugar and your blood pressure. If you need help in losing weight, contact your doctor or clinic.



EXERCISE **Get regular exercise.** It can improve the circulation of your blood and help to lower your blood sugar. Before you start, ask your doctor about the type and amount of exercise that would be right for you.



DIET **Reduce the saturated fat and cholesterol in your diet.** Cut down on fat meat, grease, lard, butter, fried foods, gravy, bacon, eggs, sausage, cheese and cream.

Increase the fiber in your diet. It can help to control your blood sugar and reduce the build-up of fat in your blood vessels. Use dried beans or peas often in place of bread or potatoes. Raw fruits and vegetables also contain fiber. Include at least one serving every day of food high in fiber.



SKIN AND FEET **Take care of your skin and feet.** Diabetes can damage the blood vessels and nerves that go to your skin and feet. You may injure your skin or foot and not even feel it. Infections caused by injury may not heal properly. Care for your skin and feet every day. If you have an injury that is not healing, call your doctor or clinic immediately.



BLOOD SUGAR **Control your blood sugar.** Continued high blood sugar will increase your risk of problems. Follow your doctor's advice about diet, exercise and medicine. Check your blood sugar or urine regularly. If your blood or urine continues to show high readings for sugar, call your doctor or clinic.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Salem Baptist Church Dedicates New Edifice

By Rev. Haywood T. Gray,
Contributing Editor

CHARLOTTE — The 550 member congregation of the Salem Baptist Church, 5318 Salem Church Road, Charlotte, dedicated its new 25,000 square-foot worship facility on Sunday, June 7 in two worship events. The Rev. Anthony Jinwright, Senior Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, spoke at the 11:00 worship service. The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Tyler-Lloyd, Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Brooklyn, NY, and the President of the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, delivered the 3:00 p.m. dedication sermon.

The new $1,000,000.00 Salem Baptist Church encompasses a sanctuary which seats 725 persons and is accented with stained glass windows depicting the New Testament story from the birth of Jesus to Pentecost. Separate from the worship facility are the Christian Education Department (comprising nine classrooms and a library), the Music Department (comprising offices and choir rehearsal rooms), and the Administration Department (comprising the Pastor's office and lounge, finance office, Conference/Board Room, and Secretarial Offices). The basement of the church includes a modern kitchen and fellowship hall capable of seating 300 persons. Major funding for the two-year project came from Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

The new facilities of Salem Church will allow for needed expansion of ministry services including a Senior Citizens Day Program with the City-County Government of Charlotte/Mecklenburg to begin in the fall of 1987.

The Salem Baptist Church was founded in 1874. The site of the original church was on Rozzells Ferry Road. In 1913, the church was moved to its present site on Salem Church Road. The last major renovation of Salem Church occurred in 1969 under the leadership of the Rev. Mayhue H. Bostic Jr. This renovation which saw the installation of restrooms and heating and air conditioning units served until the Rev. Anthony L. Jinwright (the church's present pastor) led the church in the decision to build the new worship facility. Pastor Jinwright sees the dedication of the new worship facility as one of the high points of his seven year tenure as pastor of the congregation. "Our dedication events are but a pause in the great and moving history of the Salem Church," says Pastor Jinwright regarding the planned dedication, "as we intend not to let this accomplishment either diminish or dampen our zeal to serve Christ and humanity."

The church continued its dedication celebration through June 10 with special worship services nightly. Dr. Don Steger, Pastor of Charlotte's Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, spoke on Monday, June 8; Dr. H.S. Diggs, Pastor of Charlotte's Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church spoke on Tuesday, June 9; Dr. L.D. Parker, Pastor of Charlotte's St. Luke Baptist Church, spoke on Wednesday, June 10.

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Fletcher, North Carolina

Honoring

The Reverend Dr. Levonia C. Ray Sr.
15th Anniversary in the Ministry



Rev. L.C. Ray

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church had the privilege of honoring a great servant of God Sunday, May 24, 1987.

The Rev. C.B. Mingo of Clarks Chapel Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C. brought the message "A Clay Man With Iron Feet."

Rev. Levonia C. Ray, a native of Asheville, N.C. and son of the late Sadie and Landon Ray received his secondary education in Buncombe County, Stephens-Lee High School.

Further study was done at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., earning the Bachelor of Arts Degree. He is presently attending Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. In March 1987, Rev. Ray received an Honorary Doctrate of Divinity from Shaw University School of Divinity, Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Ray is Director of Shaw University Asheville CAPE Center, Vice Moderator of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association, Chaplain with the Asheville Police Department, President of the Baptist Ministers Union and a member of the Shaw University Alumni Chapter of Asheville, N.C.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ray Greater New Zion has grown to greater heights. Many souls have been saved, many rededicated their lives to Christ, and the Lord has added many new members to the New Zion Church Family.

Dr. Ray is married to Louise Watts Ray and to this union three children were born, Sherrie, Kelvin and Levonia Jr.

Greater New Zion Church Family is extremely proud of their pastor

Guilford Association Holds Annual Banquet

The 13th Annual Fellowship Banquet of the Guilford Educational and Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary was held Saturday, May 23, at North Carolina A&T State University. The president of the Women's Auxiliary is Sister Ernestine H. Griffin of Winston-Salem.

The banquet address was delivered by Sister Maggie White, Third Vice President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention. Mrs. White resides in Shelby. She spoke to a group of over 200 attending the banquet from the Triad area concerning the call to carry the Gospel to a dying world. In her opening remarks, Mrs. White told us that everyone who knows the Lord should stand up and be counted, and look for the good in others.

She further stated that God did not call lazy Christians, but He did call those who would do the work of missions, to the glory of God. Sister White spoke to a very attentive audience concerning "Christians finding your way in a troubled world." She spoke concerning the Damascus Road experience where we are awakened to the truth of Christ and receive Him as Saviour. She then spoke to us concerning complete dedication and consecration. We then heard of the Jericho Road experience which is the road to service. And the Emmaus Road experience of spiritual companionship which is a relationship with Christ. She also warned us of the danger of warming by the enemies fire.

Mrs. White received a standing ovation for the spiritual challenge that was presented to us through her message.

Asheville Holds Annual Citywide Revival

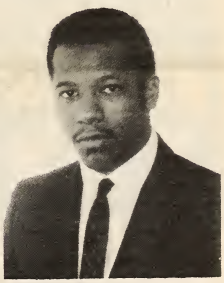
By Mrs. Diatha Harris,
Regional Editor

The 1987 Asheville annual citywide revival was held during the week May 18-22, 1987, at Nazareth First Baptist Church, Dr. C.R. Mosley, host pastor. The guest minister for the week was Dr. Ralph West, pastor of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. This was Dr. West's third consecutive year of conducting Asheville's citywide revival. Rev. West is a well traveled evangelist who has preached at the GBSC, the National Baptist Convention, college campuses and at citywide revivals all across the country.

A pre-Sunday night service was held at Tried Stone Baptist Church, Rev. B.F. Brewer, pastor. The guest minister for the occasion was Rev. Keith Martin, pastor of Buncombe Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C. Rev. Martin preached a spirit-filled message to kick off the week of services. The text of Rev. Martin's message was **Neighbor, Nothing Going To Turn Me Around Now.** Rev. Martin is an excellent young preacher who one day may be conducting his own citywide revival. Tried Stone's Adult Choir under the direction of C. Proctor rendered the music.

The citywide revival officially got underway on Monday night at Nazareth First Baptist. Rev. Martin was asked to deliver the message because of the late arrival of Rev. West. Rev. West arrived during the climax of the message. At the end of the service, Dr. West thanked Rev. Martin for filling in for him. Dr. West stated, "It's not often that I get in on the celebration and I'm pleased that I can enjoy good preaching instead of delivering it." Rev. West invited everyone to come back on Tuesday night to hear a word from the Lord.

On Tuesday night, Rev. West preached from John 4:4-30, the story about Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well and how her relationship grew from **Ignorance To Intimateness** during the time she spent talking to Jesus.



Dr. Ralph D. West

On Wednesday night, Rev. West preached from John 9:1-10 the story about how Jesus healed a blind man. The theme of the message, **I Was Once Blind, But Now I Can See.**

On Thursday night, Rev. West preached from John 11:1-44, **The Echo of the Two Graves.** This is the story of how Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the grave. The main thought of the message was the resurrection of his friend Lazarus and his own resurrection to come.

The concluding Friday night message was taken from Mark 8:1-10, **God The Host-Church.** The main thought of this message was the role of the church in today's society and the responsibility of each of us as Christian to glorify God's name to the upmost. The message was taken from the story of Jesus feeding the 4,000 and Jesus asking his disciples "what do you have." The revival was a success spiritually and financially. The music for the week was rendered by the Citywide Choir under the direction of Lennie Smith.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Asheville's Laymen League Holds Annual Fellowship Banquet

By Roy R. Harris,
Regional Editor

The Asheville-Buncombe Laymen League held its annual fellowship banquet May 31, 1987 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. J.W. White, host pastor. President Ralph Brown presided over the meeting with other Laymen's serving in various capacities. Frank Marshall, one of the most active laymen in the GBSC, introduced the speaker. The speaker for the occasion was **Steve Wilborn,** President of the Asheville branch of the NAACP. Steve is a relative newcomer to the area and is very active in the community. He is Assistant Director of Admission at the University of North Carolina — Asheville. The theme of Steve's speech was the concerns and problems facing the Black community; drugs, broken families, unemployment and apathy among our leaders. He challenged each of us to become concerned and involved as individuals and as church members. Steve stressed the point that we all must take an active role in solving the problems in our community.

The banquet was well attended and supported by the local churches and everyone enjoyed the fellowship.





CONGRATULATIONS — Ebeneezer Baptist Church were the winners of the New Hope Union's Youth Participation trophy. Not pictured are Rev. Henry Edmond, pastor, Ebeneezer Baptist Church and Rev. David L. Massey, president, New Hope Union.

Hairston Installed

Hiddenite — An installation service for Rev. S.F. Hairston was recently held at the Smith Grove Baptist Church in Hiddenite, N.C.

The service was held under the leadership of the Yadkin-Dave Missionary Association. Rev. Ardeal Roseboro, moderator of the association, served as Master of Ceremony.

The Litany for Unity was given by Rev. Ervin R. Millsaps. The charge was given by Rev. Walter Tidline. The installation prayer was by Rev. James Millsaps. The introduction of the speaker was by Rev. Roseboro and the message was delivered by Dr. W.E. Brannon, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

The music was by the Mount Nebo Baptist choir and the Pleasant Hill choir. Special music was by Sis. Learethea Hughes, daughter of Rev. S.F. Hairston.

The service was great on the mountain for the Lord.

Sis. Irene S. Steele,
Association, Recording Secretary

Yadkin-Davie Meet

Hiddenite — The regular fifth Sunday night fellowship service of the Yadkin-Davie Missionary Bapist Association, was held at the Smith Grove Baptist Church, Hiddenite, N.C. Rev. S.F. Hairston pastor.

Rev. R.C. Wilkins, pastor and members of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Yadkinville, was in charge of the service.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Wilkins. After the message, an appreciation service was held in honor of Sis. Julia C. Dalton, as past president of the Yadkin-Davie Missionary Auxiliary. She was presented a plaque for her years of service.

The next fifth Sunday night fellowship will be held at the Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Route 2, Harmony, Rev. Ardeal Roseboro, pastor

Sis. Irene S. Steele,
Association Secretary

Foundation News

By Reverend G.K. Moss,
Vice Chairman
Mr. George Frazier, Director

We are excited about the work of our General Baptist Foundation and the future ahead. Dr. C.G. Newsome, our Foundation Chairman has relocated to Washington, D.C. and is the new Associate Dean of Howard University Divinity School. He is still working hard on behalf of the Foundation in Washington. Dr. Newsome is writing several grants and proposals to be submitted to the federal government.

We have written our Board members and support group "Friends of the Foundation" during the past week and outlined some immediate goals. Our first priority is to pay out our computer lease and to employ two part-time persons to operate our office. We hope to bring an Administrative Assistant and Development Officer on staff by January 1988. We are in the process of putting in place some long term projects that will help perpetuate our General Baptist "objectives."

Dr. Newsome will be in North Carolina the week of August 9th and he will be meeting with Pastors and key laypersons outlining our plans for 1988-1989. Presently we will be moving around the state on behalf of the Foundation. We can be reached by any persons interested in knowing more about the GBF, Inc.; Reverend G. K. Moss, 919/349-3380; Mr. George Frazier, 919/544-3833. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Seminary Extension Study

By Mrs. Diatha Harris,
Regional Editor

A group of adults of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C., has completed ten (10) courses from the Seminary Extension of the Divinity School of Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. Eight of whom recently received the Certificate of Merit.

In 1979 Dr. Corbin Cooper suggested that the members of the church should study the same courses that are offered to pastors who had not had an opportunity to attend a Seminary.

The adults liked the idea and appreciated the opportunity to study. Twenty-eight (28) enrolled in the first class and began the Course BS1 Understanding the Bible. After they had completed 18 semester hours on the first study, they were ready to continue the nine (9) following Basic Courses:

BS-2 The Life of Christ
BS-3 Great Men of the Bible
BS-4 Great Doctrines of the Bible
BS-5 Great Passages of the Bible
BS-6 The Holy Spirit
— ECCLESIOLOGY —
EC-51 Evangelism in Action
EC-52 How Church Teaches People
— APPLIED CHRISTIANITY —
AC-75 Dealing with Moral Problems
AC-76 Family Life Today

The testimonies of two students will give you a general idea of what the ten courses meant to them as individuals and also the church.

"The blessings I received and am continuing to receive from the Bible study course offered by the Seminary Extension Department of the Shaw Divinity School are immeasurable.

"I not only grew enormously in knowledge and understanding of the Bible, but the deep Christian dedication and commitment of our teacher, Mrs. Alcovia McCall, inspired in me greater spiritual growth as a Christian and Sunday school teacher, and the desire to keep studying and growing.

"I should be a more mature Christian and a more productive church member because of having had the opportunity of participating in this course," said Mrs. Reba Harrison.

"As a result of the Bible studies, I search for deeper meanings and listen to what the Word is saying to me. I am more conscious of the presence and leading of the Holy Spirit within my life. My prayer life has improved tremendously. I feel that I have become a better church member as well as a better Sunday school teacher. My faith in Christ is much deeper after having been taught by Mrs. Alcovia McCall," said Frank Marshall.

John W. White, D.D., pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Alcovia O. McCall, Instructor.



The Seminary Extension Department of Shaw University under the direction of Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, presents Certificates of Merit to eight persons who have completed the ten (10) required courses which were given at The Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, April 12, 1987, in Asheville, N.C. Left to Right, Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, presented the certificates, Ms. Lillian Jordan, Frances Owens, Josephine Wilson, Ethel White, and Dr. John W. White, pastor. Absent from the picture were Ms. Reba Harrison, Mabel Marshall, Christina Jackson and Mr. Frank H. Marshall. Instructor Mrs. Alcovia O. McCall.

Know Thyself/Know Thy Family

By Anthony Howell*

"Grandma Lizzie was a runaway slave. She ran and got the Yankees and they brought her back to the plantation and threw the master in storms 'til he was dead."

My mother would tell us this story again and again as we were children growing up in Harlem; alwys with tears in her eyes. The woman she reminisced of was her mother, Lizzie Ross.

My mother would tell us stories of how Grandma Margie (Margie Ross Boney of Nash County) told of the beatings Lizzie had received and the whelts that scarred her back. She also told of how Lizzie slept beneath her master's bed. These stories aroused a great need within me to learn more of my family. I wanted to know Lizzie Ross for myself, not just from the stories that my mother told. But where would I begin? Where would I look? At that time, I knew nothing of geneaology or tracing family roots. What questions would I ask? I wandered this way and that and learned — as did Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" — if you want to seek your beginnings, you should start in your own back yard; "there's no place like home." I began with myself and the family and friends that lived right there with me in Harlem, New York. Thus began my genealogical trek. Armed with pen and pad, I began by speaking with any family member or friend who had a story to tell.

It was my cousin, Julia Speller of Queens, who told me that my great-great-grandmother Howell (her first name was not known) was a slave on the plantation of Levi Howell in Halifax County, North Carolina. She also told me that Grandmother Howell had traveled to Jerusalem and other overseas lands with her slavemaster's family on more than one occasion. In speaking with other relatives, the story of my family's roots slowly unfolded. I saw more and more how great a part oral history played in the scope of the slave and his desire to maintain family legend.

After gaining a number of stories such as this from other family members, I took notepads filled with bits and pieces of information and made my way to the local libraries. Once again, I did not know where to start. At that time, there were not many books written that dealt expressly with Black genealogy. I was filled with even more questions: What books should I ask for? Was there anything in the library specifically referenced to black genealogy? Who would tell me where to look? Were there any documents available to me? No one was there to answer these questions.

Later, as a student at North Carolina Central University in Durham, I was able to find the answers to most, if not all of my questions. The Stanford L. Warren Branch Library in Durham also proved an invaluable resource. The North Carolina State Archives and Minnie P. Bridges, archivist, were even greater resources. The bits and pieces began to fall into place — a portion of the story follows.

I have learned that some of my ancestors were slaves on a plantation in Edgecombe County owned by Henry S. Lloyd, a prominent businessman of great wealth. On February 13, 1860, Lloyd made his last will and testament in which he left the care and well-being of his slaves on his Edgecombe and Roanoke plantations to his aunt, Helen B. Slade.

I give and devise to my Aunt, Helen B. Slade All my right title and interest in the farm on which She lives; I also give and bequeath to my Said Aunt Helen B. Slade all my negroes on my Roanoke plantation. Also All my negroes on my Edgecombe farms which I Got from Martin County whether I inherited or purchased them.

After the payment of my debts. I Give and bequeath to the two children of Mary Ann Jones free Colored Woman. twenty five hundred dollars each, And I direct that the Said money shall be received And held by William Norfleet in trust to apply to much of the income of the Legacies as he may deem necessary for the Support of the Said children during their minorities. And to pay the principal and the accumulation of interest to them, as they respectively arrive at the Age of twenty one years. should either of the children die during her minority without issue. then to pay the Same to the Survivor. And if both of the Said children should die under the age of twenty one years. And without issue, thin to pay the said principal And the Accumulation of interest to their mother. but should either of the Said children die leaving issue the Said issue shall take his her or their mothers share.

I Give and devise to Mary Ann Jones free colered woman of the Said Town of Tarboro, and to her heirs and assigns forever the lot of Ground And the house thereon erected in the Said Town in which she now lives. I also give and bequeath to her the Sum of one hundred dollars a year for and during the term of ten years.

In 1861, Helen Slade chose to sell the slaves on the Edgecombe and Roanoke plantations in order to pay debts incurred by the late Henry S. Lloyd. Lloyd's executors, William Norfleet and D.P. Lloyd, commanded Ms. Slade not to sell the slaves as they felt that Lloyd's clear intention in his will was to keep the families together as a unit. In an attempt to stop the sale, they took legal action against Ms. Slade. The court action, **William Norfleet and D.P. Lloyd, Executors, v. Helen B. Slade and Others,** was taken before the North Carolina Supreme Court in June, 1861. The Court's decision:

"It would be an inconsistent and harsh construction to hold that he (Lloyd) intended to separate infant children from their mothers."

Another ancestor, Sylvia Saulsbury Howell (my great grandmother), lived on the plantation of Levi Howell in Halifax (Martin) County — she was the daughter of Great-Great Grandmother Howell mentioned earlier. On July 12, 1918, she wrote her last will and testament leaving her property to her husband and children.

I give you this so if you are the longest liver, and if I die first I want you to do just like this paper says I want you to see to each one of my childrens getting what this paper calls for, and my husband. Now Sister Isbelle I want you to keep this paper. I bought and paid for this house and lot myself and after I am dead I want it to go my boys William Frank Howell and Charlie Pierce Howell, but I want my husband Frank Howell, to have a home here his life time as long as he stay single if he is the longest liver, and if I am the longest liver, I have a home my life time as long as I stay single and if either of us should marry again why its no longer a home for either one of us. We look us another home. I want it to go to my boys I preposed (?) for my childrens, because my husband did not help me. I and my boys bought this place and I want them to have everything, that I have after my death and the household and kitchen furniture I want them to have all of that except one bed sted and mattress one feather bed, three quilts and three chairs. Now Sister I want you to look after this when I am dead for your one Sister. Silvia Howell

This for you to keep till I am dead Isbelle Hyman you attend to this.

The statement, Grandma Lizzie "ran and got the Yankees . . .," refers to an episode during the Civil War. Lizzie ran away from the plantation by night and went to the Camp of the Union Soldiers (somewhere along the Edgecombe County line). The next morning, she led the soldiers back to the plantation where the "master" was taken and the slaves set free. I have not yet fully investigated this story and do not know the true events or happenings.

My family's story is far from complete, the details are sketchy, and there is much, much more to be learned. However, I felt it necessary to write of the little I have learned in an effort to show the wealth of information our parents and grandparents carry with them daily. From one small statement, "Grandma Lizzie was a runaway slave," I have found and begun to travel the road to my family's beginnings.

And yes, there was another story mother told. Grandma Lizzie's mother, Ellen, was "sold off" when Lizzie was a child. Several years later, after the Civil War and Emanicipation, they were reunited in a church somewhere in Edgecombe County. The journey continues.

Anthony Howell, a member of NCAAGS, is a Junior at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina, majoring in Theatre Administration. He currently has on display at the Stanford L. Warren Library in Durham, documents, pictures and other memorabilia collected throughout his genealogical quest. The display is titled "Know Thyself: Do You Know Your Family?



AND SPEND TIME ALONE IN PRAYER

Shaw University Seeks Approval For Participation In Food Program

Shaw University will provide free meals to local low-income persons again this summer if it gets the U.S. Department of Agriculture's approval to participate in the Summer Food Service Program. If approved, the program will run from June 21 through July 31, 1987.

Shaw University has participated in the program in past years as a part of its summer Upward Bound program. Under that program high school students admitted are able to live on the campus for six weeks engaging in an intense academic and cultural program geared to improving skills and motivating them to pursue post secondary education.

Students in the Upward Bound program are automatically eligible to participate in the Food Service Program.

In addition to those persons, however, others in the area may be able to participate. "All eligible children in grades 9-12 have equal access to the benefits of the federal feeding program regardless of race, color, religion, nationality, sex or age (with statutory limits), or handicap," said Keith Smith, director of the Upward Bound Program at Shaw University.

Eligibility is determined based on federal guidelines set for the program. Interested persons should call Smith at 755-4897.

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By Dr. John H. Lucas

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OCTOBER 1987

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10 Woman's State Convention Institute Worker's Workshop, 10 a.m., Conference Room
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25 Pre-Convention Musicale (place to be announced)
26-31 General Baptist State Convention Annual Session, Fayetteville
28 General Baptist Foundation Board Meeting, Fayetteville

NOVEMBER 1987

2 World Day of Prayer (BWA — Woman's Depart.)
7 Youth Evangelism Conference, Woman's Convention
21 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m. Baptist Headquarters
21 Woman's State Convention Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m. Conference Room
26 THANKSGIVING DAY

Summer Special

President Humphrey & Executive Secretary, C.C. Craig announce Annual Session October 26-29, 1987 at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium Arena, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Annual Session

The Annual Session of our General Baptist State Convention will be held on the dates of October 26-29, 1987 at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium/Arena, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Dr. J.D. Fuller, pastor of the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, and other pastors of Fayetteville will be our hosts.

As we move closer to our Annual Session, we urge our Pastors, Moderators and Messengers to:

1. Put forth every effort to attend the session.
2. Make your reservations for lodging immediately at the following hotels:

A. The Bordeaux Motor Inn/Convention Center, 1707 Owen Dr., Fayetteville, N.C. (Headquarters Hotel) (919) 323-0111. Room rates: plus tax, $35.00 — single, one person, one bed; $45.00 — double, two people, two beds; $40.00 — double, two people, one queen bed. There is a $5.00 charge for each additional person. In making reservations at the Bordeaux Motor Inn, please indicate that you are a member of the General Baptist State Convention.

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President Edwards Meets With Mrs. Tutu



President Edwards and Mrs. Tutu

President Luella D. Edwards met with the wife of Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa as both attended the 47th Annual International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Interdenominational, meeting recently in Seattle, Washington. President Edwards serves as Chairman of the Executive Board of this 35,000 member organization. She and Mrs. Tutu were among some 1,500 delegates from the United States, Canada, South America, Africa, and the Carribean.

Leah Nomalizo Shenxane is described as a warm, soft-spoken, yet, aggressive individual who proclaims herself as an optimist and does not hesitate to say that she has no doubts that opponents of apartheid in South Africa eventually will win their struggle. She addressed the delegation during its annual banquet.

Shenxane said that she knows that the "troubles" will not end soon unless other nations, government officials, church leaders and human rights groups exert moral, political and economic pressure on the South African government.

When asked what outsiders could do, she quickly responded, "They know exactly what they can do to end apartheid. I think the international community wants us to tell them to do what they know they should do." She was encouarged that Congress has at least debated economic sanctions against South Africa. But if the American people are truly concerned that sanctions might hurt blacks, she added, then they would be more concerned that black Africans are suffering under the apartheid system.

Although it is a criminal offense in South Africa to publicly advocate divestment in companies doing business in South Africa or economic sanctions against the government, Mrs. Tutu noted that she and her husband choose to do so anyway.

As Christians, she said, their first obligation is to follow the laws of God.

Many North Carolina Baptist Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows and several ministers were in attendance. Mrs. Charles Hart of Chesapeake, Va. is President.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Thank You!

Thank You, Thank You Thank You!

for your spiritual and financial support.

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions, and Members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

Your financial support for the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention for the fiscal year 1986-1987 has been heartwarming. I would like for you, Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, and people of the Baptist Family, to accept my personal thanks for the excellent way that you have supported the Lord's work through the structure of the Convention.

The success of our work during the past fiscal year reflects the cooperation and support of the President of our Convention, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, along with the Vice Presidents of the parent body and Presidents of the Auxiliaries, Pastors, Moderators, District Presidents, Staff Members at Baptist Headquarters and the Christian people called "General Baptist."

The General Baptist State Convention has grown more effective in doing God's work in the world. We have been able this year to share again with the homeless and the parentless children through the channel of the Central Children's Home. We have responded to the financial needs of Shaw University and the Divinity School. We have extended a longer arm of outreach to Foreign Missions through the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention; and we have promoted our plans and programs in our state work.

Before this article reaches your desk, our books for the fiscal year 1986-87 will have closed. As we face the new fiscal year, we urge all of our pastors to lead their churches to send monthly contributions for the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Children's Home.



Dr. C.C. Craig

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Lee Calls On Community Support

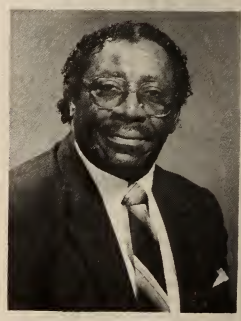
Toward Meeting The Major Need Of The Elderly Through The Church And Gerontology

By Dr. Elbert Lee II

My observations and assessment as a minister of two churches (North End Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., and Perry's Chapel Baptist Church, Louisburg, N.C.) have led me to believe that the major need of the elderly in this country today is an efficient organization for group political action and economic operations in the market place.

I feel that the political system has the elderly "locked in." Therefore, we must show the elderly their program evaluators, researchers, advocates and others concerned about their predicament that the limited incomes of the elderly must be marshalled for investment, ownership, operation and total managerial participation in business.

Considering the political and economic predicament of the elderly — in my community — in my churches — in Rocky Mount Senior Citizens Center, I plan to call together community leaders to implement immediate concerted action to address ourselves to the following assignments:



Dr. Elbert Lee III

1. Organization for political action of our community elderly, their advocates and associates (i.e., information and clearinghouse on issues and political action).

2. Organization for income investment; ownership, operation and total participation in business management.

Further, my thinking on these matters have been sharply focused on these difficulties by my participation in the intensive gerontology training project: "Aging of Adult Minorities," 13-24 June 1977, Duke University, Durham, N.C.

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.
Interim Editor

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



It's time to renew again. Please fill out the form below. I am very excited about this Summer Edition. I want to especially thank Dr. Cardes Brown, pastor, New Light Baptist Church, and Dr. Otis Hairston, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro for their help in the Research for the Article on the August 1940 All Baptist Conclave, page 12.

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Reflection On The 1940 All Baptist Calendar

I am very excited about this edition of the **Baptist Informer.** This edition is a historical flashback to one of the most important sessions of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. I want to thank Rev. Archie Logan, Interim Editor of the **Informer**; Dr. Otis Hairston, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro; Dr. Cardes Brown, Pastor of New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro; and Mrs. Gladys Walington of the Woman's Convention Headquarters Staff for their detailed research.

I remember the 1940 Conclave, I was a student at Shaw University. There was excitement on campus among the Religion Majors. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, then General Secretary of the GBSC and Convention President Dr. J.T. Hairston, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and Moderator of the Rowan Missionary Baptist Association had planned one of the most exciting Sessions of the General Baptist Convention. Presidents from all the National Baptist Conventions across America, both black and white had been invited, the famed Wings Over Jordan Singers were to attend the Session.

Shaw University was going through a period of rebuilding and physical rejuvenation under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Robert P. Daniel. As young ministers and religion majors, we were also looking with expectation at the upcoming General Baptist State Convention election Aug. 10, 1940. We anticipated that a new President of the Convention would be elected.

I thank God that 47 years later He has seen fit that I now serve this great Convention as its President. In 1940 I never even dreamed that I would one day stand in the footsteps of the Past Presidents of the GBSC; Dr. J.T. Hairston, (1932-1940); Dr. P.A. Bishop, (1940-1958); Dr. R. Mack Pitts, (1959-1965); Dr. J.W. White, (1965-1969); Dr. C.R. Edwards, (1970-1973); Dr. Joy J. Johnson, (1974-1977); Dr. J.R. Manley, (1978-1981); Dr. E. Burns Turner, (1982-1985). God is so "good" to all of us. Life is a mystery, it is only by God's Amazing Grace that we are CALLED to service at particular times and places.

As I navigate this ship, as I attempt to the best of my ability to lead us through the storms and the rain, the sun and the joy of this journey I want to give God all the Glory and I pray that we as General Baptist continue our journey of Christian Missions and Stewardship. Our Convention theme "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" symbolizes my hope for our noble cause. There are still seas of poverty, of hatred, of racism, of apartheid, of hunger, of loneliness, of sadness, or sorrow that we must sail and conquer. I call on all of you to keep the faith to continue to support our "work."

Every now and then when I look out over the horizons of this life's journey I catch a glimpse of what John must have seen on the Isle of Patmos. Every now and then I see VICTORY in Christ, I see the shores of glory before us as we sail on. We must not give up the ship. Keep on praying for our Objectives, and our Convention family, the journey of this Convention is still unfinished.

1987 ANNUAL SESSION
Come to Fayetteville October 26-29, 1987 and share with me in my first Annual Session as your President. Come share the thanks, the joy, the love, the fellowship and the praise to God. Thank you all.

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103rd WBH & FMC Annual Session Special Report

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

"Glory Be To God"

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie

Glory be to God for the great things He has done for the Woman's Convention since last July to the immediate past July, and thanks to all of you who allowed His Spirit to energize you so that you were able to share in many a way.

Truly were we reminded of the greatness of God as we shared in fellowship, worship, study, giving, preaching, singing, praying, communicating, visiting, exchanging ideas. Moreover, did such an atmosphere at the annual session remind us of the challenge of the unfinished task which awaits us where we live daily through the concerted efforts of the Church as well as individual Christians. The presence of the Holy Spirit we greatly felt in the Senior Body and her departments.

To Galilee Baptist Church and Dr. W.C. Hay, our Woman's Convention extends sincere gratitude for your services as host church and pastor.

The partial financial report for the first 10 months of the 1986-87 fiscal year showed that the amount of $335,029.07 had been received toward the goal of $472,837.13 for our mission's budget. A balance of approximately $138,000.00 is now needed to realize the much needed funds for those who are a part of our unfinished task: **Shaw University $15,200.00; Central Children's Home $12,200.00; Shaw Divinity School $11,200.00; State Missions $97,200.00;** and the **Baptist Assembly $2,200.00.**

The proposed 1987-88 Budget is $487,401.00.

AGAIN MANY, MANY THANKS!

Family Missions Conference

Please plan to attend the Eighth Annual Family Missions Conference on Saturday, September 26, 1987, at Mount Zion, Winston-Salem, Dr. S.T. Churn, pastor. The Conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

There will be separate sessions for seniors, young adults, and youth and also a joint session.

All individual and associated families and other persons are urged to attend. Let us come to be reminded and perhaps to learn anew what the unfinished task is regarding the family in relation to the Will of God through Jesus Christ.

Woman's Banquet Draws Crowd To Hear

Approximately 900 persons from across North Carolina gathered at Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, Monday, July 20, for the Fourteenth Annual Pre-Convention Banquet with President Luella D. Edwards presiding. Invocation and Grace was given by Dr. Charles Bullock, Pastor Saint James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. Dinner melodies by Donald Crawford, Pianist and Waverly Camp, Associate Pianist, WBH&FMC.

The welcome, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Convention. I suppose it's late to welcome you but you should feel better after eating. Never the less we extend to each of you a meaningful but warm welcome. Whenever you are invited we mean it from the heart because we do not extend such an invitation unless we love you. W — for we. Nothing can be done except we work together. E-eating together, if we eat together, perhaps there is some love. L — love. Love brings about communication. Where there is no love there is no communication. C — communicate one with another. O — omit. When you omit others sometimes we realize there is love that we can share. M — Me. Each individual person is important in the Woman's Baptist Convention. E — Eternity. Oh you may say that you are not ready to go but you must get ready to go. You are welcome to share with us and get ready to face the challenge of the Unfinished Task. Greetings from Dr. W.C. Hay. Host Pastor and Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President GBSC.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President GBSC. It is indeed a great pleasure that I bring you greetings on this occasion because of my commitment to the Woman's Baptist Convention across the years and because we are suppose to be one **"Big Family."** We have had great leadership among our WBSC through the years. Greetings first of all from our heavenly Father that you prayed to this morning. Our God does not stand still but He is ever moving from one position to another, carrying forward His dreams and aspirations. The women across the years have held up the banner of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Greetings from other Baptist across this nation. Special Recognition — Dr. Luella D. Edwards. When we fail to recognize a person we deprive ourselves of one of the happiest privileges one can afford. Tonight I am happy to recognize some special people for untiring work for the Convention: Mrs. Ruby Allen, Oxford, Mrs. Cora Brodie, Franklinton, Mrs. Arcie Grant, Asheville, Mrs. Clara Hayes, Winston-Salem, Ms. Carrie Johnson, Charlotte, Mrs. Ola Laws, Merry Hill, Mrs. Rochelle Merritt, Zebulon, Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse, Fairmont, Mrs. Ethel Stanfield, Durham, Mrs. Lala Williams, Roxboro. Each one has done an outstanding job for the Woman's Baptist Convention. I want to thank you on behalf of the Convention. You have shown a lot of seeds throughout North Carolina and youth and young adults have sprung up.



Dr. Aurelia Downey, Guest Speaker

Mrs. Wilma Bryant, Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board presented the speaker Dr. Aurelia Downey, President Nannie H. Burroughs School, Inc., Washington, D.C. I am thrilled to come to the state and to Winston-Salem because Winston-Salem taste good but not like a cigarette but like good Christian people. You don't have to tell people who they are becuase you are known by your lives.

Your theme "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" is a good one because these are days that try men's soul. All of our young people are caught up in turmoil but they can be turned around. John takes a flight and goes right to the heart — In the beginning was the word and the word was God. . . and we behold the glory. We have to understand who challenges us. It was not man but Jesus who said "Take Up Your Cross and follow me." One of the hindrances is we want to decrease God and increase ourselves. The missionary spirit is to get your brothers and sisters and bring them to Christ. John got so caught up until he went and got others. His spirit must take control if we follow His challenge. We have to put on the whole armour of God and follow Him. We need a word from your Lord, we need you more every day, to help us show the way.

In God's own time they will make it in. Bring them to Jesus and He will make them grow. When we plant a seed leave it alone and God will make it now. In closing I will dedicate this song to the president and all these ladies: "Only what you do for Christ will last." I have tried everything but now I am trying Jesus and Jesus is the answer.

Music for the banquet was done by Ms. Teresa Walker, Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, Mr. John Smith, Galilee, Winston-Salem, and Ms. Tammye Davis, Antioch, Monroe.

Highlights Of The 103rd Session

Of The

Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention

By Ms. Augusta White

Approximately two thousand persons from every corner in North Carolina were on hand for the striking of the gavel by President Edwards signaling the opening of the 103rd Session of the Annual Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

The theme for the session was: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" John 4:34-35. The opening hymn was "To God Be The Glory." Scripture by Mrs. Gracye Moore, First Baptist Church, Oxford.

The theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" was discussed by Ms. Elsie Grier, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Belmont.

Mrs. Grier stated that Jesus had to come by Samaria because of the woman at the well. We also need Jesus to come by for us. God has grace enough for everyone. Jesus had to show His Disciples that His love is for everyone because they could not understand his actions with the woman at the well. The disciples were thinking about physical food but Jesus was thinking about the woman's spiritual soul. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields. Sometimes we are so much in thinking of things right near us we don't think about spreading out into other countries and across the nation. Twenty-five years ago prayers were taken out of the schools. Christians what did we do about it? We could have made a difference.

Mrs. Clara Donnell of Roberts Chapel, Goldston, led us to the throne of Grace with her prayer.

An impressive memorial service was led by Mrs. Catherlene Thompson, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, assisted by Mrs. Hattie Oliver and Ms. Joyce Jones.

Convention directions were given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. She stated that the president said to give directions as I see fit, so I will take advantage of it because tomorrow is not promised to us. Several groups are meeting here this week and even though we might have some problems, we can work it out. "Will the organist and pianist begin playing softly and slowly, My friends I am sure all of you can say that it was Amazing Grace that kept us and brought us here this year. You may have a few aches but it was God's Amazing Grace that brought us where we are."

Greetings from two of our objectives, Rev. Theodore Breeden, Superintendent of the Baptist Assembly, and Curtis Jackson, Director of GBSC Health Program.

Red ribbons were given to 60 persons present for the first time by the vice presidents. These ribbons signify the love we have for you and the gratitude we have for you choosing to come this year. Go back home and tell your brothers and sisters what a good time we had in the Lord this week and bring them with you next year.



Dr. P.A. Brodie & President Luella Edwards

The former presidents were presented by President Edwards. Dr. Edwards stated that "she had planted, grown and increased due to the fact that the former presidents planted before and that's why I am where I am today." She presented each past president a token. The Convention did not buy these tokens instead I bought them to say thanks for all the help you have given me.

Greetings were given by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the GBSC. "I greet you and thank you for your work and dedication to the Convention and the other auxiliaries."

President Edwards presented Dr. Frank Weaver, pastor of Watts Chapel, Raleigh, for the morning message. "I have no words at my disposal to thank Dr. Edwards and the program committee for giving me the opportunity to speak to this great Convention." The theme for the 103rd Session is indeed impressive and shocking. I also liked your centennial theme "A Century of Witnessing for Christ." I also liked your centennial song. With this in mind, I have chosen the subject: "Why Baptist Women Cannot Quit." We cannot read the life of Jeremiah without recognizing it was not a life of roses. He was alienated from his friends. Those he tried to help, they persecuted him. I am sure you women understand what this is all about. Women don't expect any "bed of roses" it's joy but it's hard and life is rough. Sometimes roads have "pots" in it but we must go on. Jeremiah wanted to quit and go into seclusion but he couldn't. All of God's people feel sometimes like going into seclusion and quitting but we can't do that.

Reasons you can't quit:

1. You have a burning challenge on the inside. Jeremiah said, "When I was complaining about being too young, and God said don't tell me that because I knew you were in your mother's womb." Missionaries when you are called on to witness say here am I. Don't be afraid of the people. "Hang in there President Edwards, preachers and missionaries or God can't use you." When they hit at you, you ought to be up and running about your business for the Lord. There is something that's holding the reigns, Oh that I know there is something within.

2. The needs of the people. We can't go away and hide in a shack in the desert because you are needed. President Edwards, I know how your husband must feel about you running all over the state but tell him you can't quit now. No missionaries you can't quit.

3. We Christians have the answer to the people's needs. God said, "Frank I want you to go and preach my Gospel to all the people." No Christians we cannot quit because the people need you. When the road gets rough and tough there is no friend like the lowly Jesus, no not one.

Music was furnished by the Convention choir.

Following an impressive worship service by Ms. Georgia Thompson, Worship Chairperson, and Mrs. Libbie Lofton, Co-Chairperson, Second Vice-President Shirley Bullock, presiding, stated that we are soldiers marching, we are also astronauts, so make sure that your suits are on and everything is in order and that you are ready for take-off. We are on the launching pad and ready to take-off as we continue our "Challenge of the Unfinished Task."

President Edwards and Vice-President Bullock presented the Special Workers and thanked them for the work they do across this state.

Vice-President Bullock presented Mrs. Hamright and the ministers' wives for the Annual Fellowship Program. Fifty-five (55) ministers' wives from across the state marched in the processional. Mrs. Hamright thanked the ministers' wives and the Convention for the support given to her as chairperson.

Greetings from Dr. Paige, Executive Vice-President, Shaw Divinity School. I am excited about being here for your 103rd Session. I want to thank the ministers' wives for the inspiration they have been to the Shaw Divinity School. Thanks to the Woman's Baptist Convention for all your support to the Shaw Divinity School. Each year you have us in your budget and we appreciate it.

Dr. John Lucas, Interim President of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. I am happy to be here to meet with you. Your theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" is an exciting one. Education must be one of our priorities if we are to survive. It is good to have money but we need skills to know how to spend it. I bring you greetings from our trustees and they join me in saying thank you for all you are doing for Shaw. My job is to hold things together and that is a big challenge for me because each month I have to look forward to finding money to meet our monthly challenge. You all have been very supportive and we have the Challenge of the Unfinished Task: We get regular contributions from you.

1. It is a challenge to know and understand there is no way to do right and no right to do wrong.

2. See that our cooperation is done through coordination. Whatever we do these must be cooperation and coordination with our GBSC and its auxiliaries. Please keep on helping us that we might help others.

The appeal for Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School was given by Dr. Charles Bullock of Rocky Mount.

President Edwards presented Dr. and Mrs. Hay for the Welcoming Program.

Two selections were given by the mass choir from Galilee. "There is a Fountain" and "I'm Gonna Wait on the Lord."

Greetings from Mayor Wayne Corpening. We are glad to have you in Winston-Salem. We are trying to make a better city.

Other persons giving greetings included: Mrs. Othello Carter, President of the Missionary Circle of Galilee, Mrs. Marian H. Bass, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Rowan Baptist Association and Rev. Roland Gaither, President of the Ministers' Conference.

The response was given by Mrs. Omega Johnson, First Baptist, Fairmont, Winston-Salem, in HOME #1 for the Woman's Convention and the welcome mat is ALWAYS out regardless church displaying it. All of them are missionary minded: Home as well as Foreign.

This year we have again received the kind of welcome that pierces the heart, excites the mind, disbands our

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WOMAN'S CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS Continued

worries and causes us to enter the Convention's Annual Session with the desire to make it our most successful; in finance, expression of Christian love and evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Music by St. Paul Baptist Church choir of Charlotte, composed of the tots, juniors and seniors.

Rev. A.G. Coley, pastor of St. Mark, Charlotte, presented Dr. Paul Drummond for the evening message. Subject: "Overcoming the Devil" 12th chapter of Revelation, verse 11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, First Vice President, called the Wednesday morning session to order as a packed audience of over 3,000 or more persons stood during the procession of the Executive Board members and officers dressed in white marched in and took their places. It was a beautiful sight to look out over the audience of people all dressed in white who came by buses, vans and cars for the Wednesday session to hear the three presidents address the Convention. Scripture and prayer by Mrs. Hattie Welch, President Halifax County Union. Music by the Convention choir. "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with Mrs. Nancy Young at the piano, Waverly Camp at the organ and Donald Crawford directing.

Greetings by Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the GBSC. We are pleased to be a part of the GBSC, that comprises the body that is in session today. It is one of the greatest in the world. (1) greet the women of N.C. (2) present the presidents of the other auxiliaries. We are proud of the Woman's Convention of N.C., they know where they are going, how to get there and how to take the people with them. I have observed the cooperation of the Vice Presidents and the Executive and General Boards. Next year we will have the All Baptist Assembly.

Mrs. Julias McDonald, director of Young Adults, expressed greetings on behalf of the Young Adult Department. I challenge the young adults and youth that will be promoted today to continue to work for the master in whatever capacity you may find yourself. Young adult officers I challenge you to trust in God for:

God is like Coke — He's the real thing.

God is like Pan-Am — He makes the going great.

God is like Bayer Aspirin — He works wonders.

God is like Hallmark Cards — He cares enough to send the very best.

God is like Tide — He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like Sears — He has everything.

God is like VO5 Hair Spray — He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like Alka-Seltzer—Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like Scotch Tape — You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Mrs. Elfreida Brooks, Supervisor of the Youth Department, brought greetings from the Youth Department. She stated that she worked with an outstanding group of youth and supervisors. "We thank the churches, the unions and auxiliaries for their strong support. Our youth realize the task is theirs to finish and they are preparing themselves spiritually to meet the challenge."

A selection was given by the youth and young adult ensemble. "Life is Worth the living—dedicated to President Edwards."

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, was presented for her annual report. We take care of business in an orderly and business-like manner. Many of you are here in spite of your condition. I am here to stand before you to make my annual report. Thanks to you and to God for your sustaining help during last year even though we still have 1½ months to go. We have been here 1-3 years doing God's work.

We will be studying the following books for next year. (1) Senior — Becoming a Christian Leader, $3.05, (2) Young Adult — Discipleship in the Home, $2.45, (3) Youth — My Salvation: Secure & Sure, $1.95.

Our budget for last year was $472,837.13 from Sept. 1, 1986-June 30, 1987 (10 months) we have received $335,029.07. Amount needed $137,808.66. Sometimes you send your check to the Unified Program and we do not get any of it, so send your checks made out to the Woman's Baptist State Convention. Let us not forget that God challenges us to work for the unfinished task for mission. Truly if God is in charge then this Convention is on its business. When we wait on God and serve him, we can count our blessings rather than our heartaches and trouble. See what the "Lord Hath Done." You ought to count your many blessings and see what the Lord has done. He saved my soul, see what the Lord has done. He's been good, good to me, see what the Lord has done. You ought to count your many blessings and see what the Lord has done.

Mrs. Jewyl E. Dunn, daughter of President Edwards, presented Dr. Luella D. Edwards for her second annual message.

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. I have been blessed with another year to be president of this great Convention. Not by any ways of mine own but the Martins. As I look at the clothes I am wearing, I am blessed. I give God all the thanks and praises and I know that I am blessed. God has been good to me because he has protected me over the highways, byways and airways. In this state, out of this state. In this country and out of this country. Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie has our Convention at heart. She does her job effectively and supervises our office as well. Our office staff are to be commended for their hard work. Our Convention is grateful to have them.

As we celebrate our 103rd birthday, she is still showing progress and we are still in the business of making disciples, doing unto the least of these things decently and in order.

This Convention shows progress in its zeal for Kingdom building. As she has sailed the sea of life, the water was sometimes choppy. It was then I was reminded of the disciples who asked Jesus "Carest Thou not that we perish?" Jesus merely raised His hand and said to the winds and the waves "Peace be still," so it is with us, when forces try to pull the plug on our ship, Jesus says, "Woman's Convention, Peace be still. We know then that He is in control. All we need to do is trust Him."

The Woman's Convention is all right! She is all right, I tell you, because you make her all right. Read our report. It speaks for itself. But let's not get complacent. The devil is on the warpath. He'll tell you not to support the Woman's Convention, and if you are not alert, you will listen. But, DON'T YOU LISTEN TO HIM. God was in this Convention from the beginning and I don't believe he brought us this far to leave us. So let's walk together, children, and don't get weary.

I have had the utmost cooperation from our newly elected president, Dr. J.B. Humphrey. A gentleman par excellent. A Christian individual who recognizes the imperfection of many yet uses his calling to the gospel ministry to help rain mankind to higher heights.

Recommendations:

.1. That the Woman's Convention continue to celebrate the birthday of Miss Minnie C. Lyon, our returned missionary, on December 25, 1987. Miss Lyon spent 30 years in Liberia, West Africa. Also, that each circle in our Convention and/or individuals give a monetary gift designated for the Miss Lyon Project and send it to our office by December 20. And that, one-half of your gift will be given to Miss Lyon on her birthday, and that the other half will be sent from our office to the Woman's Department of the Lott Carey Convention specifically for the work in Liberia, she feels she left undone. The project will be the clinics where she worked as a missionary.

2. That the Woman's Convention encourage our youth supervisors to teach our youth to become positive and learn to say "yes" to what is right and "no" to what is wrong, and to avoid becoming involved in pre-marital sexual activities using the Bible as our main source and guideline.

3. That the Woman's Convention encourage circles to make a way for the young adults to take a more active role in the senior department upon their promotion.

4. That we continue our financial support to Shaw University in her time of struggle.

5. That we continue our cooperation and support of the parent body and its auxiliaries.

Mrs. Maggie White, Third Vice President, presided over the Wednesday afternoon session. She presented Third Vice President Patton of the Young Adult Department to be in charge of the Young Adult Hour. Reflections: We've come a long way since our "birth." We were organized under Mrs. M.A. Horne, with Dr. Luella D. Edwards as the first Director and Miss Bronnie Harris (Bronnie Daniels) as the first president. Mrs. Bronnie Daniels followed Mrs. Edwards as Director and she was followed by Mrs. Julias McDonald. Through it all we've made progress but the task is still unfinished. Following the song, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior," Mrs. Phylisa Kelly gave her final address as president of the Young Adult Department.

Rev. Lacy Simpson Sr., presented his son, Rev. Lacy Simpson Jr., for his final message as president of the Youth Department. Subject "Call to Action." Matthews 25:24-27 verses. It appears that many of us are not concerned about completing the unfinished task. Across the state we have too many Christians who are not committed to completing the task, we are first on and off as Christians. Jesus calls us to action. He wants us to be full time Christians not half-hearted ones. The story is told of the master who entrusted his talents to his servants while he was away. To one servant he gave five talents, another one he gave two talents and to another one talent. To the servant who had five talents he doubled it to ten and the one with two to four and the one with the one talent hid his in a safe place until the master returned. Which one of the servants are you like? Are you willing to meet the challenge and work hard to finish it.

Several youths were promoted to the young adult department including Rev. Lacy Simpson Jr.

President Edwards presided over the Wednesday evening session which was Foreign Mission night. Music was furnished by the First Baptist Church of Statesville, directed by Mrs. Leola Harris. Greetings were given by Mrs. Alice Somerville, representing the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. I am bringing you greetings in the name of my husband and Lott Carey. The Lord has blessed me to see every Convention except West Va. and I haven't seen a Convention like North Carolina. Thank you for your support to Lott Carey. May God continue to bless you as you meet the challenge of the unfinished task.

The offertory appeal and prayer was given to Rev. Wesley Grant, Pastor World-Wide Tabernacle, Asheville, N.C.

Rev. Gregory Moss of Reidsville, presented Dr. J.C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesville, for the evening message. Subject: "Making Share on Broken Pieces." Acts 27:42-44 verses. We find ourselves more or less to mingle with the passengers as we journey the travels of

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Next Month President Luella Edwards ANNUAL ADDRESS will be featured.

WOMAN'S CONVENTION SPECIAL Continued

life. Life is a voyage that may be a victory or a failure. It may be a note of a suicide victim. When a storm dashes to pieces a sunken vessel, jump for your life. They escaped and all are safe on land. There is a storm that has incapacitated all of us in some form in life. 1. Broken pieces of health, many say I can't make it but I will try. Many members of this Convention have come to this Convention for years and they have come up on the rough side of the mountain but they are here. The old ship of health is still sinking. All of our ships are sinking, we are drifting. Don't quit because of sickness or disappointments, cling to the broken pieces, you will make it. 2. Broken pieces of the home. It's "grandma Hardee's and McDonald's and not a meal at home." My parents demanded respect and they got respect but not so today. Trouble is not the only thing put around your neck. The attitudes of the home spills into the church. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Very seldom does the marriage get fixed in the home. Sometimes prayer will keep your family together. Prayer will make you love each other and stay together. Trouble in the home, don't give up but stick. David said the Lord is my shephard, I shall not want. Don't give up. 3. Broken pieces of education — don't give up, hang in there and keep trying. If at first you don't succeed, try try again. 4. Broken pieces of life. Oh we ought to help somebody who were not suppose to make it. Keep sailing. I had trouble and my friends turned on me and my ship started sinking and I turned to God. Through all of it God gave me consolation. Through it all I learned to trust in God. When life begins to fall apart, there is another ship of Zion. When the storm begins to rage I learned how to lean and depend on God, I found out if I trust He will provide. As I close I just want to say that life is just like a ship, when the storms of life are raging stand by me. When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea. Though who rules the winds and waters, stand by me. In the midst of tribulations, stand by me, when the host of hell assail and my strength begin to fail, though who never last a battle, stand by me.

Thursday morning worship was conducted by the Worship Committee. President Edwards presided over the closing session due to the absence of Fourth Vice President Novella Whitted.

Greetings from Michael Alston, Director of Central Children's Home, Oxford. In 1986 the name changed from Central Orphanage to Central Children's Home. We have 56 children and over half of them have jobs off campus. We are greatly indebted to you and we love you because you are there with us for the good times and bad times.

Our Theme:

"The Challenge Of The Unfinished Task"

John 4:34-35

By Mrs. Phylisa Kelly
Young Adult President

Have Thine Own Way Lord! Have Thine Own Way! Thou art the Potter, I'm just the clay: Mould me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still. Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with thy spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me! Amen.

Four years ago, I accepted the challenge of being your Young Adult President. I perceive this as an opportunity to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work. Therefore, I have gone from the coast to the mountains seeking the lost and compelling them to come to Christ while there is still time.

Many of you have joined me in taking up the cross and following after one that is most worthy, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Stop: Let me remind you of the 13 steps we have taken to get to the cross.

Step I, Kindness — We had to show affection and brotherly love one to another.

Step II, Patience — We endured the weights that could have so easily beset us.

Step III, Obedience — We did that we know to do by obeying his commandments.

Step IV, Steadfastness — There were times when the storms of life were raging against us; but we were unmoveable always abiding in the Lord's work that our work would not be in vain.

Step V, Sympathy — We rejoiced together, we wept together, sharing the pity one with the other.

Step VI, Temperance — We were able to be moderate and restrain ourselves that we might obtain an incorruptible crown.

Step VII, Gentleness — There were times when we had to carefully in kindness move through situations to make things great.

Step VIII, Courtesy — We did unto others as we desired others do unto us. Not as others did.

Step IX, Forgiving — Forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven.

Step X, Humility — Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the Proud (Proverbs 16:18-19).

Step XI, Courage — Be not afraid only believe, sometimes the going was hard, the pathway had been darkened but we knew we had to stand fast in the faith and be strong.

Step XII, Giving — Giving of ourselves daily, our time, talents and money is a must. When we give to the master what really belongs to him; giving becomes a blessing.

Step XIII, Faithfulness — It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. For we shall hear the Lord say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou unto the joy of the Lord.

Accepting the cross led us to the task at hand. Sometimes it was a pleasure and there were times when it was a burden (of course one we could handle). Therefore, I constantly kept Young Adults across the state in my mind and heart, before the Lord. It has been my responsibility to help plan and carry out activities that would encourage, uplift and/or save those who were lost.

As I look at my task I realize we have among our Young Adult Departments, not just in my church, association, union or this convention alone, but all over the state of North Carolina. We have taken in some unsaved persons. YES! We can say "we have made a catch." In the process some of them have filtered their way into leadership roles for self gain and not for the glory of God. Since this has happened already it makes our laboring even more difficult because we fail to yield to the Holy Spirit when it warns us of persons who are not of his Spirit.

Young Adults especially let me pause here to challenge you. First to be save not for others to know but for you to know. When you know that you are saved, it doesn't take high places or positions for others to see that you are saved but it will automatically put you where you can be used to help magnify the Lord with others. Young Adults don't let it be said that "you are that little social group, that's only supported sometimes even by you." We are members of the whole church first, then Young Adult missionaries. This simply means; let us support all aspects of the church, association, auxiliary, unions and the convention. If you find that you are in a leadership role and things are not being fulfilled according to your will or the Lord's will. Let me share with you how his will can be done in your life. "Pray" you pray in your secret closet, among the praying part of your church and with the saints of God at large. I can boldly witness that I made it by prayer. I learned to lean heavy on Wednesday night prayer meetings. My people here today from Mt. Zion can witness that not many Wednesdays will I let go by without calling on them to join me in prayer. This didn't start four years ago it started some 19 years ago. Pray Young Adults, Pray.

Four years I have completed the task as president. One of my goals was to maintain the spirit-filled atmosphere of the Young Adult Department that as you love to the sessions on the state level each time you will leave with that same enthusiasm that I've left with for the past 13 years. I believe many of you have been touched by our activities these past four years. It was you that enabled me to complete this portion of my task.

My only regrets of leaving this office is that there are still Unfinished Tasks. Noteably we don't have a Young Adult Department established in every church, association, auxiliary and union. We don't get representation on all levels from Young Adult Departments that are already established. There are still geographical areas of the State untached by the Young Adult Department. Last but not the least, some officers on all levels are not willing to go that extra mile to fulfill their duties in Christ Jesus.

I have yet two more years to be apart of the Young Adult Department. I have lifted up my eyes, I have seen the fields for they are white already to harvest. I shall continue to labor for the cause in which the Lord Jesus Christ has prepared me. To continue in the many churches associations, auxiliaries, unions and this convention telling the world that the Savior has come.

Let me conclude with a portion of the Mississippi story by Alcie Walker. There was an old black lady from Mississippi; whose legs had been badly mangled by local police who arrested her for "disturbing the peace" during the Civil Rights movement. She was asked, "Since the movement is dead, what do you think of it?" The old lady replied, hobbling out of his presence on her cane, "The civil rights movement is like myself if it's dead, it shore ain't ready to lay down."

I have finished my task in this area, I shake off my shackles here, I'll pick up my sword and shield work of God. I'll buckle myself up in the Holy Spirit and I'll keep on marching till my day is done. Will you strive with me to finish the work of He who sent us.

Several young adults were promoted to the Senior Department.

Youth Hour with Mrs. Elfreida Brooks, Supervisor in charge.

Talent winners for Shaw contest: First place — Stephany Hairston, Rockingham County; Second place — Shannon Stowe, Gaston County.

Talent winners for Have-A-Heart Contest: First place — Dannelle Lassiter, Robeson County; Second place — Mechelle Joyner, Martin Street Baptist, Raleigh.

Shaw Contest winners: First place — Shannon Stowe, Gaston County; Second place — Stephany Hairston, Rockingham County; Third place — Vanessa Scott, Franklin County.

Have-A-Heart Contest winners: First place — Francene Williams, Cleveland County; Second place — Mechelle Joyner, Raleigh; Third place — Derrick Moore, Gaston County.

$10,450.60 was reported for the Have-A-Heart Contest.

$11,104.70 was reported for the Shaw Contest.

EDITORIALS

Remember American Servicemen & Women With Christmas Mail: And Witness At The Same Time

NORFOLK, VA. — The 1987 Christmas Mail Call is now underway! Last year, cards and letters from every part of the country were sorted into more than 700 bundles and sent all across the U.S. and around the world for our servicemen and women, primarily those unable to spend Christmas with their families, many of them young people away from home for the first time.

"... Sincere thanks for the Christmas greetings... As our community's responsibility includes patrolling ... the east and west borders ... we ... have troops who spend the holidays ... away from families. On the holidays we make a special effort to reach these border camps. This year we were laden not only with the traditional candies and cookies, but also with your wonderful cards. The smiling faces of the soldiers as they read the greetings were true testimony of their worth. One young soldier ... at random selected a letter from his home town which especially thrilled him ... the letters were heartwarming ... and some brought tears of joy, love and pride to the ... readers," wrote one of the overseas USOs.

One of the Navy's fleets told Mail Call, "Once again ...thank (you) for providing the many Christmas greetings... I am enclosing ... photographs of 'Santa Claus' delivering the bundles to various activities here at (the) Naval Station ... to the ... Coast Guard cutter ... to a battalion of deployed Navy 'Seabees,' as well as ... to sailors at the ... galley ('chow hall'). Please remember us again ... We look forward to ... hearing from those who support and remember us ..."

Nationally, two of the top five church groups were Baptist ... J. Kirby Sutterfield's Youth Ministry, First Baptist Church in Queen City, Texas, and the Willing Workers of Calvary Baptist Church in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Participating from North Carolina were Cashiers Baptist Church (Marvetta Fowler), CASHIERS; Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church (Ellen Bullard's Young Adult Sunday School Class), ELIZABETHTOWN; and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Rev. and Mrs. David Troutman), WHITEVILLE.

Our sincere thanks go to them as well as to all the other wonderful folks who had a part in making last year's Christmas Mail Call the most successful ever.

Whether or not one agrees with various Administration policies (these young military people do not make policy, but are there only to serve and protect you and me), Mail Call is an exciting, patriotic program for youth groups and other church activities, as well as various groups family members may be active in ... civic organizations, veterans groups and auxiliaries, schools from kindergarten through college ... in short, for just about everybody! For complete information on how you, your family, and your group can have a part in this unique witnessing opportunity, please send your name and address along with a first-class postage stamp to: MILITARY MAIL CALL, BOX 9629, NORFOLK. VIRGINIA 23505-0629, and mention how you learned of Mail Call. Thank you!



"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
— Phil. 3:13b

Moving Wall Coming To Raleigh & Fayetteville

RALEIGH — A half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC will be displayed in North Carolina from October 7-13. The traveling memorial known as The Moving Wall will be displayed on the Meredith College Campus in Raleigh from October 7-10, and on the Fayetteville Technical Institute Campus in Fayetteville from October 11-13. The Moving Wall will give North Carolinians the opportunity to reflect, remember and pay tribute to the thousands of Americans who died or were missing in action during the Vietnam War.

The Moving Wall was constructed in 1984 by Vietnam Combat Veterans, LTD of San Jose, CA. It is 246 feet long, composed of 70 solid black plexiglass panels. The wall bears the names of 58,132 persons who made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States during the Vietnam War. Included are the names of approximately 1300 persons still missing (POW's, MIA's and others). The traveling memorial is the creation of Vietnam veteran John Devitt, who was so impressed with the memorial in Washington that he developed the idea of building a portable version of the wall. Devitt has transported The Moving Wall to more than 60 communities across the nation, enabling persons unable to travel to Washington to share in the healing experience of the memorial.

In Raleigh, The Moving Wall will be hosted by the North Carolina Vietnam Memorial Committee, and by North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. in Fayetteville, the memorial will be hosted by Friends of the Vietnam Veteran. Capitol Broadcasting Company, parent firm of WRAL-TV and WRAL-FM in Raleigh, arranged for the wall to be brought to North Carolina, and is providing funding.

Veterans groups will provide volunteers from throughout the state who will assist visitors in finding the names of relatives and friends on the wall. Counselors will also be available. Both the Meredith and Fayetteville Technical Institute locations will provide an appropriate setting for this moving tribute to Americans who gave their lives for their country.



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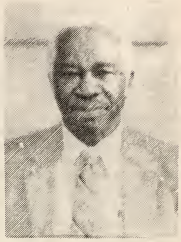
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Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month



Dr. Leon Riddick, Pastor
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Charlotte, N.C.

"The Church And Ministry"

(This sermon was delivered at the 1987 Shaw Divinity School Pastor's Institute)

By Dr. Leon Riddick

I approach this subject from my own perspective and observations after 53 years in the ministry.

I have known since I was about ten years of age that the Lord had chosen me for the preaching and pastoral ministry. I was determined, inspite of my poverty that I would do the best of my ability. I would seek to prepare myself academically for the Lord's work.

I began my ministry during the dark days of American history in 1934, when there were 8 million people unemployed, 28 million were on relief. There were 85,000 business failures, and 5,000 banks that suspended payments, 9,000 savings accounts were wiped out, 273,000 people lost their homes. When I entered Shaw in September, 1934, the tuition was $70.00 per semester, and $20.00 per month room and board . . . and it was a struggle to pay that.

Now I can say with the song Blacks used to sing, "My Soul Looks Back and Wonder, How I Got Over."

As a boy, I did not like some of the things I saw in the local churches that I attended. The Church house was mostly used as a preaching station, and not much ministry beyond that. I very seldom saw a pastor teaching a church school class, or never attending a church wide institute for the training of the membership.

I saw two offerings taken in all the churches, the first one called the mission offering and in some churches, it was called "the penny offering." This disturbed me at the tender age and I questioned, "how the church could minister to the needs of suffering humanity with the members giving a penny for mission."

I began reading the Bible when I was about 10, and began reading it more seriously about 15, started teaching a church school class. I soon learned that the Church was "one body in Christ," but what I saw in many churches were many small clubs, and groups that were churches within themselves with their own treasures. I knew then that if I ever pastored a church, I had some pastoral priorities to perform.

First, I would endeavor to couple my preaching ministry with teaching. I have always taught a class in every Church that I pastored. Also, I did not take a class away from anyone who was teaching, but sought to reach members who were not attending Church School. We also reached out to those persons who were not members of any Church. Over the years, the leadership of the Churches I have pastored came from my class.

I have thought it a part of my pastoral ministry to be the chief teacher in the Church. I have had to do it in self-defense. By this I mean that I did not want new members who were coming into the church to be indoctrinated by the ignorance I saw that was often spread by the officials and teachers in the Church School and B.T.U.

Furthermore, I had a biblical basis for my action. When Jesus began his ministry, he did not recruit the disciples of John, but called his own and taught them. Sometimes, it is very difficult for a pastor to work with the disciples of a former pastor.

I must mention that I never made money and salary was not a consideration for accepting a Church. I have never been called to a Church I wanted, but always to one that the Lord sent me. I have never left a Church to accept another for more money, but always less, but God matched my faith with his rich blessings for me personally and the Church.

I am convinced that if one truly seeks first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, all other needed things will be added.

The nature of the Church is spiritual first, then physical. It is the body of Christ and as such, ought to possess the essential elements and nutrients of Christ. This means that the Church ought to be a loving, forgiving, teaching, sustaining and caring fellowship. Therefore, the minister/pastor should be very sure that God has called, chosen and sent him to minister. Now we don't all have the same gifts or talents or capacities. Ephesians 4:1-16 gives some guidelines for the minister. In verse 11 it says that Christ gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

I believe that the nature of the Church determines the nature of the pastor's task. We hear much these days about "ministerial burn out." I think that one cause for this is that those who have not been called of God and empowered by the fire of the Holy Ghost, will experience burn out. We must remember that we as pastors and the Churches we pastor are God's "bush" on fire. The bush that Moses saw on fire was burning but not being consumed.

There are times when ministers will get disgusted and want to leave the ministry because of encounters with some stumps in the Church whose theme is: "I shall not be moved."

Jeremiah had a bad case of ministerial disgust when he was thrown in jail by Pashur, and said to God, (Jeremiah 20:7), "O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou are stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. I will speak no more in your name. But his word was in my heart, as a burning fire shut up in my bones. . .I could not stay." No, No, when Holy Ghost fire is shut up in your bones, you do not experience 'burn out. '

Another ingredient in the nature of the Church is EKKLESIA. Randolph Miller in his book: **Christian Nurture and the Church** says that EKKLESIA has both secular and sacred meanings, being simply an assembly of congregations, or those who are called out.

Emil Brunner in his book: **The Misunderstanding of the Church** says that "ekklesia" is a pure communion of persons and has nothing of the character of institution about it.

My own thoughts about this matter is that all persons who are in the visible Church may not have been "called out," and this leaves those who have been "called out" a separate spiritual group from the physical bodies that have not been so called.

Also, I may add that after one has been "called out," he needs a second call — "called into service."

This leads us into another ingredient of the nature of the Church, Koinonia, meaning fellowship, participation, sharing communion, community, and is related to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God so loved the world that he shared his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Koinonia is more than eating a few sandwiches and sipping punch at a Church club function. It is more than a school spirit or the sharing that exist only in the confines of a social or ecclesiastical group. It is rooted in the Holy Spirit. It is found in the "called out" persons and through him/her begins to permeate the community.

Also, the "called out" crowd is not merely waiting to share in the glories and rewards of Christ, but also in the suffering entailed in the following where he leads. As Paul says . . . Roman 8:16-17, "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs with Christ; if so that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together."

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The Pastor's Bookshelf

A Monthly Book Review For Pastors And Other Church Workers

H. Beecher Hicks Jr.

Preaching Through A Storm (1987, Zondervan) is a must for the bookshelf for the modern black pastor. It is a secure and certain shelter of encouragement for the modern pastor in the inevitable storm of pastoral administration and Church management. Dr. William A. Jones, in his foreword to the book, says that "'Courage' is almost too weak a word to describe [Hicks'] latest literary piece. 'Audacity,' informed by honest and candor, is perhaps the better word."

Preaching Through A Storm is the story of a five-year storm in the life of the author and his pastorate, the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. In 1981, that urban congregation embarked on a magnanimous building project. The text carefully and keenly describes the turmoil and attacks which ensued relevant to the project. Inasmuch as the book is written for the preacher-pastor, the major attention is given to this pastor's feelings and perceptions; however, the author is careful to give important glimpses at the feelings and perceptions of those in the pew.

The major question which Hicks addresses in his work is, in his own words, ". . . whether or not the preacher who is caught in a storm within the Church can effectively preach to and through the storm . . ." The answer is reverberated throughout the 224 pages of the text: "If there be no preaching, then both the speaker and the church, I fear, will perish in the storm."

The book begins with a personal crisis in the life of the preacher (the death of his mother) and proceeds through the critical years of the building of a new worship facility. The author shares some intimate moments of love and compassion as well as some intense moments of conflict and confusion. Hicks holds nothing back as he describes the treachery and deceit of some of the major leaders in his parish. Yet in the same text are moving descriptions of victory and celebration as the people of God at Metropolitan moved, carefully and tediously, through the storm. Those celebration moments are not contrived, but honest reflections of what any pastor knows only God Himself can do.

The author's method is interesting and anything but monotonous. He presents the several stages of his "storm," first, with a prologue which describes the situation and provides important background information and concludes each event with an epilogue which informs the reader of the outcome of that stage and analyses the various results which ensue. Sandwiched between each prologue and epilogue is an actual sermon preached during that specific period of the "storm." Herein is one of the greatest strengths of the book.

The reader will discover a master pulpiteer in the presentation of the fifteen sermons in the volume. The author admits that some are stronger in some regards than are others. However, he is careful to note that each of the sermons were preached with a certain purpose and hope in mind. All things considered, the sermonic works presented are of the very finest examples of what preaching is and what it can be.

Of course, sermons, by both intent and design, are made to be heard and not read. However, Hicks' style is such that one can almost hear the melody and see the symmetry of the sermons he produces. Not only are the sermons therein theologically correct and homelitically sound, but they can also serve as the birthplace for a multitude of "spin-off" sermons by the reader. In the epilogues of the text, Hicks is amazingly objective in analyzing both the structure of his messages as well as the effect on his hearers during that particular place in their history.

The chapters presented deal intimately with the various strains of both the victimization and victory experienced by the contemporary pastor. In one chapter, Hicks' gives some wholesome instructions about "Predicting A Storm." In another chapter, we are given good advice about maintaining friendships. In yet another chapter, we are admonished to always be "Preparing for the Next Storm." If nothing else, the book will serve to give an able guideline to the novice preacher-pastor. It will also serve as a needed "tune-up" for the more experienced preacher-pastor who has, over the tenure of ministry, been both victor and victim of church storms.

The book reads easily and is very personal in tone which adds to the "reader friendliness" of the volume. It can, unfortunately, be a bit "preachy" at times as Hicks' seems at times to be talking with his pulpit instead of from his heart.

Perhaps the strongest contributions which the book has to make is found in the final section of the last chapter called "If I Had To Do It All Over Again." Herein Hicks is careful to objectively analyze his actions and sermons throughout the storm and suggest directions for pastors in similar storms. In this process, other pastors may fine tune their own ministry and their perceptions about their call and the execution of the same. If a reader had only a very limited amount of time to devote to this book, the reader would do well to first turn to page 216 and following before putting **Preaching Through A Storm** down. In those closing pages is more practical advice and God-breathed wisdom than is normally found in volumes of this vein.

One should go immediately — no, run — to your local book supplier and get a copy of **Preaching Through A Storm.** It is a welcome compliment to Hicks' earlier work, **Images of the Black Preacher.** Read it, appreciate it, and, when in the midst of your own church storm, be careful to remember it.

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The All Baptist Conclave

(Historical Flashback)

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(Editor's Note: I was greatly helped in this historical article by Dr. Cardes Brown, Pastor New Light Baptist Church; Ms. Ann Gibson, New Light Baptist Church; Dr. Otis Hairston, Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, and Mrs. Gladys Walington, of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention Headquarters Staff)

The weather August 6-10, 1940 was almost identical to our present 1987 heat wave. There had been no precipitation in the state and the temperatures ranged in the high 80's. General Baptist around North Carolina were all talking about the upcoming All Baptist Conclave and coming General Baptist State Convention election.

Dr. J.T. Hairston, President of the Convention, Moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association, and pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina along with Reverend Wendell C. Somerville, General Secretary of the Convention were expecting more than 5,000 Black Baptists from all sections of the State to assemble at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, North Carolina.

For the first time on record the Presidents of five national Baptist Conventions were scheduled to attend the General Baptist Conclave. They were Judge E.J. Millington of Cadillac, Michigan, head of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. William W. Hamilton of New Orleans, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. (Dr. Hamilton was unable to attend the Convention because of a severe Gulf storm, but he sent Dr. M.A. Huggins of Raleigh, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in his place); Dr. L.K. Williams of Chicago, President of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Dr. A.L. James, President of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Society; and G.L. Prince of Texas, President of the National Baptist Convention.

The Conclave opened August 5, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. The opening day featured Registration and Departmental Conferences Monday morning. President Hairston presided at the 3:30 p.m. afternoon session and received reports by Reverend Wendell C. Somerville, General Secretary of the Convention; by J.H. Clanton, Director of Religious Education & Training; and other departmental leaders.

Dr. Somerville reported that: "Negro Baptist in North Carolina have increased their contributions toward Christian Education and Mission Board work over 500 percent during the last four years under the **Unified Program.** . . More than that $57,000 in cash has been contributed to the program, and all 53 Convention Associations in the state have marched forward with unsurpassed cooperation." It is interesting that Somerville also pointed to the support of white Baptist: "In this movement we are grateful to the white Baptist of this state. Their work toward helping us start and assisting us at various times has contributed tremendously toward the realization of even greater things."

Dr. Somerville's Report of the progress accomplished by Black Baptist during the last four years cooperatively was followed by the official welcome to out-of-town messengers and the official welcome of Raleigh by Mayor Graham H. Andrews. Andrews stated, "We boast of the things we have among the Negroes in Raleigh. We have educational institutions and religious organizations. But there is still work to be done. We need more educational institutions. . .We are glad to have you visit the city of Raleigh and hope that you will find your stay here most beneficial."

Dr. O.S. Bullock, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention presided at the Evening Session which featured a welcoming address by Dr. Nelson H. Harris, Director of the Department of Education at Shaw University. Also Reverend T.C. Hamans, President of the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance gave a dynamic presentation and greeting.

Tuesday morning's session of the Conclave began at 6:30 a.m. with morning worship service in the Shaw University Chapel. The morning service was followed by an address by Reverend James F. Wertz, Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, President of the Baptist Training Union of North Carolina at 8:30 a.m. and another by Henry T. Johnson, Secretary of the Baptist Training Union of North Carolina. Tuesday was dedicated to Baptist training and teaching. Also on Tuesday those churches that had supported the General Baptist State Convention the previous fiscal year by reaching their quotas received certificates of recognition. SEE THE HISTORIC CERTIFICATE ON PAGE 12.

Tuesday's session ended with the State Oratorical Contest and President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw University Address. Robert Prentiss Daniel was inaugurated as Shaw University's fifth President on Founders Day, November 20, 1936. His Administration was characterized by the building and physical projects. During his tenure, 1936-1950, Convention Hall; Shaw Hall; Estey Hall; The Library; Home Economics House; Rec Hall; Old Rex Hospital Building; and the Leonard Building for Baptist Headquarters and classrooms for the university under the general sponsorship of the General Baptist State Convention, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, The State Sunday School Convention, and the State Baptist Training Union were all completed or purchased.

In his 1940 address to the Conclave President Daniel pleaded with the Black Baptist of the State to give more liberally to the cause of Christian Education, and especially to Shaw University. Daniel stated, "We depend on the church and its workers. . .One third of the money raised by the State Baptist goes to Shaw University. . . We as Negro Baptist must strengthen the arms of Christian Education."

Wednesday sessions were devoted to Conclave reports. Wednesday night services were opened by a congregational song service led by Reverend O.J. Allen a Norfolk, Virginia, Pastor, more than 2,000 delegates participated in the service. The service was broadcasted over station WPTF Raleigh from 7 to 7 p.m. The song service was followed by the Annual Conclave Sermon delivered by the Dr. R.L. File, of Winston-Salem. The Conclave also heard an address by Dr. G.O. Bullock of Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Viola McMillian, President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina also stirred the messengers of the Conclave with her address Wednesday on, "The Woman's Place in This Changing World." President McMillian was the 4th president of the Woman's Convention, she served from 1934-1949. His tenure was highlighted by the establishment of "The Leadership Training Conference" in 1938 at Shaw University. She also opened a Woman's Convention State Office at Shaw University following the 1940 Conclave in 1941.

Thursday, August 8, 1940 was another historic day for General Baptist of North Carolina. Reverend W.C. Somerville, General Secretary had announced that, "Negro and White National Leaders of the Northern and Southern Branches of the Baptist Church will speak and participate in round table discussions August 8." Reverend Somerville anticipated a crowd in excess of 5,000 persons.

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The five speakers participated in a round table discussion before over 5,000 Conclave messengers. They talked on ". . .mutual problems on Negro and White Baptist." Judge E.J. Millington, President of the Northern Baptist Convention said, "There is no permanent national nor racial truth. . . It is the duty of Christianity to spread the doctrine of all parts of the world. Social, political, national and international life should be under the will of God."

On Friday, August 9, 1940 new officers were elected for the General Baptist State Convention. There was a spirit of anticipation and expectation. On Thursday over 5,000 General Baptist had come to Raleigh, Friday's election was historic. The Reverend Dr. P.A. Bishop of Rich Square, North Carolina was elected President of the Convention. He succeeded the Reverend Dr. J.T. Hairston, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. The Reverend Dr. Wendell C. Somerville of Raleigh, was elected to succeed himself for 1940-1941 (Later in 1940 Dr. Somerville assumed the leadership of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in Washington, D.C.).

Other officers named to the General Convention included: The Reverend Dr. J.W. Hairston of Asheville, elected First Vice President; Reverend J.E. Tillette of Edenton was named Second Vice President; Reverend W.M. Wyatt, Salisbury, Third Vice President; Dr. W.H. Moore, Wilmington, Corresponding Secretary; Reverend D.G. Gore, Whiteville, Recording Secretary; Reverend D. L. Simon, Powellsville, Treasurer; Reverend J.A. Lewis of Goldsboro, Convention Auditor; The Reverend Dr. J.F. Wertz of Charlotte was named President of the Baptist Training Union Convention and Dr. R.W. Brown was elected President of the State Sunday School Convention.

In the closing session Reverend Somerville, General Secretary announced that the next Baptist Conclave would meet at the "First Negro Baptist Church in Charlotte, Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1941.



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Dr. John Fuller, Pastor

In the year of our Lord 1911, three young men, Mr. Seavy Lewis, Mr. Henry McAllister, and Mr. Andrew "Jack" Newkirk recognized a calling from God to organize a group of believers to form a new church. This new church, Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, was named in honor of Seavy Lewis, who was characterized as an organizer and builder. Mr. Lewis believed in both the spiritual and mental growth of people and thus, was aslso instrumental in beginning a school, the Lewis Chapel Junior High School.

This small band of believers met in a one-room building located near the present Cape Fear Valley Hospital. The Rev. William McGuire, retired school principal and present deacon in the Falling Run Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and active layman in the General Baptist State Convention, was called to serve as the first pastor of the church.

Between 1911 and 1937, Lewis Chapel had six ministers to lead its congregation. In May 1937, Rev. Robert L. Carr came and served until 1973. Rev. Carr was an influential pastor, who placed great emphasis on education and home ownership. As early as 1973, an overwhelming majority of Lewis Chapel members were home owners. Rev. Carr initiated the church's building fund, as he recognized the future need for a church building due to increase in membership. Rev. Carr resigned on June 29, 1973, after serving thirty six years, in order that the church might secure a full-time pastor.

On July 19, 1973, the Deacons and Trustees recommended to the church conference and it was approved, that Rev. John D. Fuller become the eighth pastor. Hence, on the third Sunday in October, 1973, Rev. Fuller, a native of Thomson, Georgia, assumed his pastoral duties. He had formerly served as pastor of Baptist Union in Hope Mills and Beauty Spot Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C.

Church Growth

Rev. Fuller came to Lewis Chapel with the same vision of spiritual and mental growth for this congregation that had been seen by Seavy Lewis, one of the church's founders. Like Seavy Lewis, Rev. Fuller had developed the reputation of being a builder and an organizer. On that first Sunday, though he found less than one hundred faithful members, who contributed an offering totalling $133.19, Rev. Fuller saw the vision begin to unfold through the willingness of a people to move forward to answer God's call. Seemingly overnight, the church began to grow in an unparalleled manner. Within six months, seventy-eight persons united with the church, totalling 102 new members for the first year. This wheel of growth has continued to turn during those fourteen (14) progressive years that Rev. Fuller has served as pastor. An average of one hundred-fifty (150) persons annually have united with Lewis Chapel, giving it a total membership in the excess of one thousand-five hundred (1,500). Rev. Fuller has baptized each first Sunday, except one for the past fourteen (14) years. Therefore, he has been able to know each one of his members individually; their interests, their backgrounds, and their potential for future growth.

Church Budget

Upon accepting the pastorship of this church, the annual income per year was $8,000.00. To establish documentation for a loan, a written church budget of $35,000.00 was adopted in 1974. Through the years, Rev. Fuller has emphasized that the way to finance God's church is through members tithing and giving freely an offering. God has blessed this church, for this year's (1987) income for Lewis Chapel will approach six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000). Since 1973, the church's economic worth has increased from fifty-four thousand dollars (54,000) to 2 million dollars.

Lewis Chapel is a church that has strong emotional ties to its history, present development, and future growth. The acquisition of highly valuable front road property adjacent to the church did two important things to add to this church's history and future. First, it allowed this group of determined believers to become perhaps the only black group to own front road property on Raeford Road, which has been rezoned as valuable commercial property. Secondly, it allowed the church to reclaim property that was once dear to the Black community and the site of the first Black public elementary school. The church further stretched out on faith to purchase 7.31 acres of land located about 2-1/2 miles from the church for the future site of the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church "J.D. Fuller Athletic-Recreational Facilities," at a cost of $89,000.00. In the last 14 years, Lewis Chapel has acquired 10.63 acres of land to aid in the spiritual mental and physical growth of its members and the community.

Church Ministry

Recognizing that a faithful church is a productive church, Lewis Chapel has activities and programs for youth, adults and senior citizens. To develop and correlate the smooth operation of these programs, the church has a staff of five full-time salaried and benefitted persons and two part-time workers. Together, they work diligently to carry out the church's many Christian education programs, outreach programs and the prison ministery.

In 1980, the church conference voted to hire a full-time Director of Christian Education. In April, 1981, Mrs. Lodies Gloston was hired to fill this position. In 1984, Mrs. Janifer Campbell, a graduate of Morehouse School of Religion, with a Masters in Christian Education was hired to this position. Mrs. Campbell's education and experience has allowed her to develop an active and dynamic Christian Education program for Lewis Chapel. She oversees the operation of some twenty-nine different programs, Mrs. Campbell works with a ten-member Board of Christian Education and 20 coordinators of various programs. The Christian Education program offers: Seminary Extension courses four times a year, taught by Mrs. Campbell; an active youth program; lecture series with experts in the field; a dynamic senior citizens program; an athletic program of basketball and softball; scouting for boys and girls; teacher training; leadership training; annual Vacation Bible School, with an average attendance of 150 students daily; and music workshops.

In 1984, Dr. Fuller saw a need to develop a Christian Day Care Center in our community. The Day Care Center today is fully licensed with 60 children currently registered. The Center, located in the basement of our educational wing, also operates an after-school program, as well as a summer program, which served some 26 young people.

Lewis Chapel is a church where a worship experience is expected. Three worship services and one teaching-learning experience are held each Sunday. They are the 8:30 a.m. worship service; 9:45 Sunday School, with 17 different classes (with the highest enrollment of 406 WIDU AM Fayetteville, with an estimated listening audience of 20,000 and the 6:00 p.m. worship service, with Rev. Walter Whitfield, an Associate Minister of the church as coordinator.

On Wednesday, Lewis Chapel offers two prayer service/Bible study opportunities: One at 10:30 a.m., which began in 1981 to accommodate the needs of its senior members. This service serves as an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, Bible study, and as an avenue to keep the seniors abreast of their rights and benefits. Then, at 7:30 p.m., regular prayer service is held, followed by Church Training Union. C.T.U. offers Bible study, discussion of topics related to Baptist church policy, history, church development, community concerns, leadership training, and overall awareness of what it takes to continue to grow as Christians. The average attendance for both these group meetings is 125 each week.

The church has a wide-range missionary outreach and spends over 15% of its annual budget in support of these causes. The church supports all of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention; the Union Baptist Association, and its individual auxiliaries; Fayetteville State University Endowment Fund; Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, Ga.; the United Negro College Fund; Virginia Seminary and College; the Sickle Cell Foundation; Fayetteville Urban Ministry program; Lott Carey; "Majestic Church Approaching Phillippi," and the Progressive National Baptist Convention. In addition to these many outreach efforts, Lewis Chapel through the American Baptist Churches of the South, supports all colleges and universities associated with this organization.

The church recognized a need to provide additional help and guidance to members or family members confined to prisons, as well as psychiatric institutions. The church voted to fund a full-time position for a minister to assist the pastor in fulfilling this need. Rev. John T. Johnson, an associate minister of the church was hired and fully salaried with benefits to develop and implement these programs. The State Department of Corrections has sanctioned this minister to serve the 87 correctional institutions across the state, but especially those in neaby Cumberland County. This prison ministry has offered members of our church to fellowship with prison residents directly through the "Yoke Fellowship" at McCain Correctional Institution. This ministry offers assistance directly to the residents in correctional and psychiatric institutions, but also serves as a liaison when the individuals are ready for return to the community.

Lewis Chapel is a church on the move for the Lord. The church owns 10:63 acres of valuable land:

— 3.22 acres on the site of the church sanctuary and Day Care Center.

— 7.31 acres on Old Bunce Road, the site of the proposed Lewis Chapel J.D. Fuller Athletic-Recreational Complex.

— Almost 1/2 million dollars has been spent in the acquisition of property under the leadership of Pastor Fuller.

— The Raeford Road real estate is worth nearly 1.5 million dollars.

— The Bunce Road property has been appraised at nearly $100,000.00.

— Our property's total worth is approx. 1.75 million dollars, compared to an approximate total value of $54,000 in 1973.

Dr. Fuller and the congregation of Lewis Chapel believes in the motto: "To serve this present age." Keeping this theme in mind, the church conference, under the pastor's guidance, has adopted a 6-year plan of growth and development. This plan will include the construction of a fully functional recreational complex with a softball diamond, picnic area, swimming pool, family life center, and a gymtorium. The softball diamond has been completed and was dedicated on the Labor Day week-end this year.

The church conference also voted this year to lend funds to secure an architect to develop feasible plans for a future sanctuary that would seat 1,200 persons comfortably.

The Lord has indeed opened up the windows of heaven as he has blessed Lewis Chapel with one of his chosen few — Dr. Fuller, and the ministry at this church by the side of the road.

STATE MISSION

A Growing Sunday School

Reporter: Gwendolyn Stewart
Director of Music GBSC

Key people who participate on Sunday morning are: Person who presides, Person who gives the Call to Worship, Persons who read scriptures and lessons, Persons in charge of Young Peoples' Choirs (2), Person who prays the Morning Prayer, and the Person who reads the Footnote and gives Words of Thanks.

The Sunday School program is carried out so smoothly that at 6:45 on Friday and at 9:25 on Sunday morning, key persons have received their agendas and are in place at the sound of the bell. Key people are seated in their designated places facing the audience ready for service. On Friday night, the Presidents and Chaplains are in charge. On Sunday morning, the presider, who is in charge, stands at a lectern ready to call forth those who participate. The organist and pianist are at their instruments ready to play. The ushers are at the doors ready to permit latecomers at the proper time. Even the "mikes" are operable, ready to shout "Jesus."

All of the above happenings are a part of Superintendent Stewart's involvement of people.

Often one can hear Superintendent Stewart say, "One who is visiting our Sunday School has no way of knowing that I am the General Superintendent, for I am sitting with the congregation, enjoying the service while others are enjoying serving." On Sunday mornings, the devotional periods end about 9:45 a.m. at which time everyone sings joyfully a hymn while moving to different departments. On the second Sunday youth serve. On the first Sunday, everyone reassembles in the sanctuary to hear the Pastor review the lesson.

The agendas that follow further explain the work of the Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday School.

Deacon R.B. Stewart, Superintendent of the Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday School, discovered many moons ago that a Sunday school will continue to grow if the superintendent uses many people. He found out that people love to serve if called on. He soon found a way to consume all of this energy.

Because of his success in growing, Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday School, where he has served as superintendent for more than 45 years, he was invited to speak at the 102nd Annual Rowan Baptist Sunday School Convention where Mrs. Etta Gravely serves as President and Dr. W.C. Hay serves as Moderator. On July 1, Superintendent Stewart conducted a seminar entitled "Church Members' Involvement in the Sunday School" at the Calvary Baptist Church, High Point, N.C. Rev. Wallace V. Powell, Host Pastor.

Superintendent Stewart shared with the entire convention what is involved in using people. He wanted everyone to know how he spends each week, from the point of beginning to prepare the lesson to the point of ending Sunday morning's Sunday school period.

On Monday morning, seated at his desk, using his Bible and several other books, including a teacher's quarterly and hymnal, he plans two agendas. The first is to be followed at the teachers' meeting on Friday night, 6:45 p.m., the other is to be followed on Sunday morning when Sunday school convenes at 9:25 a.m.

Superintendent Stewart selects special scriptures and hymns to harmonize with the topic of the week's lesson. When his agendas are finished, they are turned over to the church secretaries so that they can be typed and copies can be made for all Friday night and Sunday morning participants.

Key people who participate in the teachers' meeting on Friday night are: Teacher of the night (a superintendent or teacher), Presidents, Chaplains, Music Directors (not paid personnel), Person in charge of teaching materials, Persons scheduled to read the scriptures, lesson, etc., Person scheduled to give Stewardship (5 minutes) and Pastor Butler who gives final remarks. Any person who chooses to do so can visit in this meeting.

A Period Of Quietness

During each Sunday Morning Worship Service, a quiet time should be set aside, preferably before the preaching of the gospel. It is at this time that worshippers are about to hear from God.

Worshippers have already sung songs of praise, songs of joy. They have thanked God for His blessings and have started glorifying His Name.

But at this point in the service, they are about to hear from God through the minister.

If someone were to rush through the church door shouting loudly, "Jesus is coming. He's getting out of a car. He is coming into this place." I am sure that each person would get very quiet in preparation to see and hear from Jesus.

Worshippers should have the same "air of expectancy" during the quiet moments that have been set aside, before the preaching of the gospel. It is a time to hear from God.

At this time worshippers pray, with the Pastor, that God will make Himself visible to each person who is present. At this moment, while soft music is usually being played, the Holy Spirit takes control.

"Be still and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10.

Gwendolyn Stewart

The Children's & Youth Corner

By Rev. Paul Andrew Jackson
Associate Editor



Rev. Paul Andrew Jackson

From The Pen Of The Youth Supervisor

By Elfreida M. Brooks

Thanks to God for the opportunity to reflect on the operations of our Youth Department. I must reiterate that I am deeply grateful for the honor that has been bestowed upon me. I realize that humility precedes honor; therefore, I am striving as your humble servant to fulfill the duties incumbent upon me.

It is difficult to think that the end of my third year is almost over. The time has hastened along at a breathless pace, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Serving as your supervisor has broadened my horizons, offered challenging experiences, and provided endless joys as I have attempted to conduct the department's work. I posit that without your support none of my efforts would have reached fruition, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your diligence.

Our programs have been quite rewarding. The Youth Evangelism Conference, The Mid-Year Session, and The Leader's Workshop have been spirit-filled sessions. Everyone gained additional insight from each one. I feel that our state programs are being implemented in the district and local sectors.

Again, thank you for your contributions in helping to advance our programs. May God bless each of you!



CHILDREN WANT TO KNOW JESUS

"Teen-Age Of Conduct"

1. Stop and Think — before you drink — and you WON'T.
2. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
3. Be humble enough to obey; you will be giving orders yourself someday.
4. At the first moment turn away from unclean thinking; at the first moment.
5. Don't show off when driving; if you want to race go to Indianapolis.
6. Choose a date who would make a good mate.
7. Go to church faithfully; the Creator gives us the week. You can give Him back His day.
8. Choose your companions carefully, you are what they are.
9. Avoid following the crowd; Be an ENGINE, not a CABOOSE.

— Mrs. Clara W. Nesby
Winston-Salem, N.C.

A Prayer From A Teen-Ager

O God help make me a better kid. Help me love my parents like I should. Help me understand that just because they don't give me everything I ask for it doesn't mean they don't love me. In my heart I know it means they love me enough to say no.

May I always believe that my parents do the best they can. Help me not to compare what they do for me with what they do for my brothers and sisters. Sometimes I need to be reminded that we are all individuals with different needs.

Give me the good sense to accept criticism from my parents, without losing my cool. They have been around a lot longer than I have and know what is best for me.

Help me Lord not to blow up when my parents ask me where I'm going or when I will be home. They aren't nosy. They really care.

Help me to be patient and answer their question without putting them down. They grew up in a different era and many things about our culture are strange to them.

Especially, Lord, help me to respect them. They aren't perfect but neither am I. Help me to be courteous to them. It's funny how we treat the people closest to us with a lot less respect than we give strangers.

Finally, God, bless my parents for all the things they do for me, and help me love them as much as they love me.

— A kid

North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention Annual President's Address

TO: The Brothers and Friends of the State Ushers Convention
FROM: The Ushers President — Cleveland F. Griffin

Our convention in Jacksonville, N.C., was outstanding in cooperation, spiritual, and most of all the attendance was very good. It made me feel that we are together in the work for our Lord.

I wish to thank all pastors, presidents who supported us this past year. We are asking for your prayers, and without God we couldn't do anything. To my staff, vice presidents, executive board and young people, and all ministers, pastors around Jacksonville area, I wish to thank you.

To youth and young people, may God bless you all that you will continue to strive to be a good usher and to work for the master. We still are servants for churches and other meetings. I do hope that we will continue to reach our goal and pray together for a good year to come.

By Cleveland F. Griffin

Brother Felton Davis, First Vice-President of the State Baptist Usher's Convention, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention, Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, all my Vice Presidents, all officers of the Usher's Convention, Auxiliary Presidents, Pastors, Ministers of the Gospel, Ushers and my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We were in Wilson one year ago when I accepted this position. It is July again I come to give in account of my stewardship. I want to pause right here and thank God for watching over me this past year. He has allowed me to see another year. And he brought me safe thus far and I know he will carry me throughout.

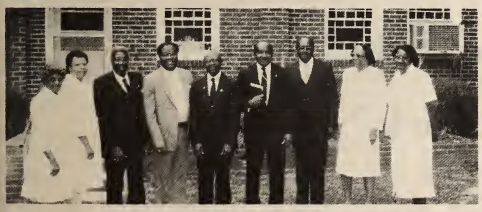
I will trust in the word and I will share the word of the Lord with others. Pay no attention to what we say, just watch our feet. Because title don't mean anything without testimony. We don't strive for ourselves alone, whether we wish it or not we constantly strive in behalf of others. You see, we are serving a God who can fix the unfixable, Touch the Untouchable, and Change the Unchangeable. If we delight ourselves in the Lord, he will direct our path.

The modern media have made us acutely aware of the world's problems. Every day in newspapers and magazines and on radio and television we are bombarded with news and pictures of a world that is sick, hungry and hurting. As we first became aware of these facts we were shocked and our initial impulse was to do something to help these people. But as further information came to us, we were overwhelmed by the size of the task. Then we felt helpless because we could do so little. In the end, we became apathetic and even unconcerned.

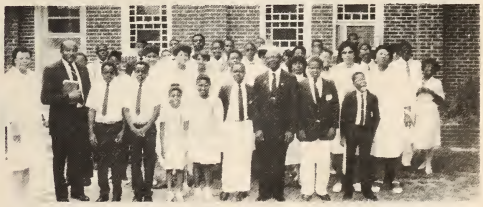
WHAT ARE TASKS? that God of us that would be of similar magnitude to what he asked of the one that gone on before us.

Our first reaction may be that God does not ask us to take on tasks of the magnitude that he did of others. The tasks God gives to us may not be of the same magnitude but they may carry what may be considered great risks for us. In order to salvage a relationship with a parent, child or spouse, we may have to be the one (even if wronged) to step forward and make the move that will bring us back on the road to reconciliation. We may also be asked to reach out to the unlovely in our communities. It is easy to invite our peers and equals into our homes on special occasions. But it is difficult for us to reach out to the physically handicapped, the shut-ins, the older people in the nursing homes, those on lower economic scale, the socially handicapped and others of a similar state in life. We may also risk our jobs and social standings because we stand up for CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES and refuse to participate in activities that are ILLEGAL IMMORAL, or have the appearance of EVIL. We may lose face, be embarrassed, have our image damaged. And otherwise look foolish or a failure in eyes of the world. Unpleasant as these occurrences would be, the child of God need not be overly concerned about them with full assurance we can say with the APOSTLE PAUL. What things were gains to me, those I counted losses for CHRIST. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellence of the KNOWLEDGE of CHRIST JESUS my LORD. Philippians—3C 7-8 Verses.

A group of young people had hiked two or three miles up a mountain trail to a beautiful spot overlooking a valley. There they prepared their supper and enjoyed themselves sitting around the campfire singing and talking. Before they realized the sun had dropped behind the next mountain, and the area where they were sitting was suddenly plunged into darkness, as they gathered their equipments and started back down the trail. And no one in the group was familiar with the trail, no one in the group thought to bring a flashlight to provide light for them to see the trail. For a moment, a wave of panic swept through the group, for they knew that the trail was rough in places, and that there were side-trails that could lead them astray. Fortunately, an old mountaineer had seen the young people and followed up the trail. Realizing their predicament, he walked over to a large stump and cut several pieces from it. Handing the pieces to several of the young people, he said light them up they take you home. Some of them protested that the torches would burn up long before they got to their cars. It will light you home, the old man replied. Others complained that the wind would soon blow them out. It will light you home, he said. The old mountaineer was right, because the torches were cut from the heartwood of an old pine stump. Dense and saturated with rosin, will burn a long time even in a strong wind or in rain. God's word is like the torch it may not be impressive to the world, and the world can give all kinds of reasons — why it won't get the job done; but it is like the words of the old mountaineer, it will lighten you home.



President Humphrey, President Griffin, Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. C.V. Owens and members of the Usher's Executive Committee.



President Humphrey, President Griffin, State Coordinator Nancy High and Youth messengers to the Annual Session.



Dr. E.W. Wooton, Host Pastor (right of church sign) President Hazel McLean, President Sunday School Convention, and other messengers to the Usher's Convention.



GBSC Vice President W.B. Lewis, Brother Chadwick, Coordinator Nancy High, and Host Adult Messengers.

Laymen Accept The Challenge Of The Unfinished Task

By Dr. Charles Alston

The Annual Men's and Boy's Retreat, a mainstay of the North Carolina Laymen's League Auxiliary, broke just about all of the previous records and set new standards of excellence during the July 31-Aug. 1 session. Held at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly facility, Laurel Hill, N.C., the Retreat brought together in a band of Christian fellowship 120 boys (5-19) and 30 men.

The agenda included, among other things, periods of Bible study, a talent show, two worship sessions and a large block of time for recreational games and swimming. Especially enjoyable was a campfire that concluded the first day of activities.

Brother Marvin Pitman, president of the Laymen's League of the Elevation Baptist Church of Raleigh, gave an inspiration talk to the young boys that rated excellent. Said he, among other important gems of wisdom, "If you don't set goals, you will not go very far in life." Little Brother Jarmonde Taylor, nine years of age, Louisburg, N.C., climaxed the two day affair when he recited flawlessly Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream." His peers burst forth with applauses that one seldom sees from today's youngsters.

Brother Frank Marshall, a Laymen's League Hall of Famer, was all smiles when the facility's housing capacity was reached. He had seen another of his dreams come true. He has been with the retreat idea since its inception. Also, joining Brother Marshall on this glorious occasion were two other Hall of Famers in the persons of Brothers Richard Cogdell and John W. McQueen of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville.

Wake County represented with the largest number (60) of participants. Brother Edward Holmes is the able president of this winning team. He also served as one of the instructors for the Retreat. Martin Street Baptist Church, pastored by the dynamic Dr. David C. Forbes, represented with 38 participants, a record unlikely to be topped in the foreseeable future. Brother George Currie serves at the helm of the strong laymen of Martin Street. However, more than anyone else, Brother Everette Miles was the catylist behind the great recruiting effort that resulted in 38 participants from Martin Street. He also had enough energy left to serve as an instructor and to drive a van load of participants to the retreat.

Participants received a certificate of appreciation signed by the Retreat Director, Frank Marshall, and the president of the North Carolina Laymen's League, Charles C. Alston.

In as much as the young black male represents the target group of the laymen of North Carolina, the president projected to the assembly a plan to involve 460 boys (6-19) in Christian-sponsored activities next year.



Youth Going To Dinner



Youth at Recreation



Youth going to religious study.

Let Us Meet The "Challenge Of The Unfinished Task" — Now

By H.L. Mitchell, First Vice-President General Baptist State Convention

When this theme was selected, the officers of the convention had some very serious facts in mind:

1) There is an unfinished task before us that has been before us for a long time. The following letter reminds us of this fact:

Raleigh, North Carolina
November 29, 1932

To the churches of the General Baptist State Convention

Dear Christian Workers:

This letter comes to you personally to enlist your interest more deeply in the great work undertaken by the General Baptist State Convention. We are evidently facing a new era in our denominational activities, and we must prepare at once to meet the issues. In this first place, we find ourselves embarrassed with debt, and we are morally bound to liquidate the same to save our honor. To aid in stimulating interest and to adjust and settle our debts, the State Executive Board met in Raleigh, November 18, 1932 and appointed a Central Committee, consisting of the following persons: Dr. O.S. Bullock, C.S. Brown, A.B. Johnson, M.W. Williams, Dr. J.T. Hairston, Miss Mary A. Burwell, who were charged with the responsibility of raising **Three Thousand Dollars** in ninety days to cancel our debts and to aid the General Secretary in pushing to success the objects of the Convention.

This committee is now addressing you to solicit your cooperation and support. We must have immediate relief. Our debts must be paid within ninety days. We are, therefore, asking all churches to send us during this time the sum of three dollars on this Emergency Fund. This is a small sum but it will help save the honor of our great denomination. Will you not take action at once? Let the church know that we are looking to them to help us. This is a special appeal — an appeal to your Baptist are obligated to meet our debts within ninety days. They have been standing for several years.

Send your reply and remittance to the State Emergency Fund, A.B. Johnson, Secretary, P.O. Box 565, Raleigh, N.C. Be sure to address your response correctly so that the Central Committee can keep you posted on the progress that we are making.

Soliciting once again your hearty support, we remain.

Very truly yours,
State Baptist Emergency Fund Committee
O.S. Bullock, Chairman
A.B. Johnson, Secretary
Mary A. Burwell, Treasurer

2) The goal to meet this challenge, is a clear possibility if we follow God's way to achieve it.

The long-range plan can be achieved through evangelism, missions, and education. Our challenge is to see that every church has a sound program of evangelism, missions, and Christian education

This letter is regarding our giving which is an immediate need today as it was in 1932. If we would think carefully regarding our mandate as Baptists, we would realize that we do not have financial problems. We have, however, spiritual problems and if we are willing to give for the causes of our convention as God has blessed us, we would soon be out of debt and able to meet the challenge which is before us.

I have often heard Dr. C.S. Brown quote these words from Jude, verse 3, "We should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Our weak witness is not strong enough to let the world know what Baptists are all about.

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STATE MISSION Continued

Mitchell continued . . .

In one of his addresses as president of Shaw University, Dr. William R. Strassner spoke from the subject, "A Command for Action and Direction." In this address he outlined how we could free Shaw University from her indebtedness and carry on the task before us at that time. His text was Deuteronomy 2:2-3 "And the Lord spake unto me, saying, Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward." We have waited too long to do the things that we can and should for the great cause that we represent.

As we think about "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task," the third point that I am suggesting is what we can do NOW. Actually, now is the only time we have and we have the resources to take care of our objectives and make our Baptist Headquarters what we really want it to be. We just need to join together and give the support that we can give. In order for us to do this, I am suggesting that we, as Baptists, do the following:

1) Set our priorities according to the Bible. Remember that we are to seek first the Kingdom of God and give first to his cause. Just think of what if would mean if every church would give a tithe for the cause of Christian missions and education and give full cooperation to the program of our convention.

2) We should take pride in the fact that we are Baptists and give a strong witness to our cause that no one will be mistaken as to where we stand.

3) Let us remember that if we make the necessary sacrifice, we will have the strength to speak for Shaw University and the other causes that we represent.

4) Let us seek for unity in our Baptist churches, unions, associations, and in our convention. This is one of the great needs that we must promote throughout our state and the world.

5) Finally, let us earnestly give and work toward paying all of our debts for the rewards will mean more than we can ever tell. Just think of what it would mean in our day to give the strong example as Christians that will influence others and build a sustaining heritage that the founders left for us to build on.

Let us meet this challenge now, for tomorrow may be too late!

SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw Is President-elect Of Shaw University

RALEIGH, NC — Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, dean of Morgan State University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been named Shaw University's new president-elect. Announcement of the appointment was made Tuesday, Aug. 18, during a news conference at Shaw.

Also during the news conference, Dr. John H. Lucas, who has served as the interim president, was appointed to the full presidency until the president-elect takes office later this year. Dr. Lucas' appointment was retroactive to the time he took office last year.

In making the announcement of Dr. Shaw's appointment, Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the university is honored to have been able to appoint someone with Dr. Shaw's background for the post.

Dr. Shaw is a graduate of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., where he received two undergraduate degrees and a master's degree. He earned a second master's and the doctoral degree at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

The president-elect began his career in education as associate professor of social ethics at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala. He later served as professor and chairman of Howard University's Department of Ethics and Society.

Dr. Shaw has been visiting professor for several major colleges and universities, including Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; Bowie State College, Bowie, Md.; and Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

A Silver Spring, Md., resident, Dr. Shaw began work at Morgan State University as professor and later became acting vice president for academic affairs. At the time of his appointment at Shaw University, he was dean of Morgan's College of Arts and Sciences, which is made up of 18 departments.

Dr. Shaw has been published in nearly a dozen magazines. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the American Association of Higher Education, the Council of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and the American Council on Education.



Dr. and Mrs. Talbert O. Shaw chat with Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman of the Board of Trustees, following the appointment of Dr. Shaw as president-elect of Shaw University.

Bulletin

The official title of Dr. John H. Lucas Sr., is president of Shaw University. The official title of Dr. Talbert O. Shaw is president-elect. Dr. Shaw will assume the title of president when he assumes the office of the presidency.



Dr. John H. Lucas

Powellsville First Baptist Church Offers Educational Program: C.H.U.R.CH

The First Baptist Church Powellsville has organized a program entitled: C.H. U.R.C.H. (Christians Having Usable Resources to Continue Helping Others) to improve the secular education and Christian growth of the school age children in the Powellsville community and the surrounding area. This program was initiated by the pastor, Rev. Robert Sessoms. Althornton Canada and James Peele serve as overseerers of the program.

There are several areas of instruction with certified instructors serving. These areas are: math, English, science, social studies, study skills, counseling, past concentration and Bible study.

This program runs four nights a week from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Georgia Guest

General Baptist State Soloist Of North Carolina

Georgia Guest
General Baptist State Soloist of North Carolina



Mrs. Georgia Guest, Convention Soloist

To the officers, moderators, pastors and congregations:

I am writing this article to ask for your help in distributing my albums. I have served the convention for the past 12 and a half years. During this time, I have recorded five albums. I would like to share these albums with each of you. I would appreciate the help of pastors and congregations throughout the convention to take at least five albums per church. The donation for each album is $5.00 with postage included. The two albums I have on hand are, "Come On In The Army" and "The Christmas Hymns." "Come On In The Army" has a total of seven songs which are:

Come On In The Army
All Of My Life I'll Say Yes Lord
Jesus Christ Is The Way
He Saved My Soul
I Must Tell Jesus
He'll Never Let You Down
Two Wings

"The Christmas Hymns" album has a total of nine songs which include:

Silent Night
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Away In A Manger
O Come All Ye Faithful
Joy To The World
Go Tell It On The Mountain
Sweet Little Jesus Boy
O Holy Night
We Shall Behold Him

Please let me share these songs with you and I pray that each church will put them in their libraries. I feel very fortunate to have been recommended to the State of North Carolina by Dr. J.J. Johnson and to be accepted by the convention as the first state soloist in the history of our convention. Words cannot express the honor and humbleness I feel. I thank God and you for the opportunity to serve in this position.

Thank you for your support.

Send all checks and money orders payable to:

Georgia Guest Convention Soloist
Rt. 9, Box 265
Shelby, N.C. 28150.

All albums will be received within 10 days.

High Point Women's Auxiliary News

The Women's Auxiliary of the High Point Educational Missionary Baptist Association held their 5th Annual Pre-convention banquet at WSSU's Kennedy Dining Hall. The keynote speaker was Mrs. Shirley Frye, former Vice Chancellor for Development and University Relations at A&T State University.

The Minister's Wives Division, with chairperson, Mrs. Mattie Walker, spear-headed the Queen Contest. The President of the Women's Auxiliary Mrs. Annie Lewis, presided for the evening. The attendance was over 300 missionaries.

Monies from the contest will further missionary, such as the sending of children to J. Johnson Campgrounds, the Children Orphanage, Shaw University, Scholarships, Home and Foreign Mission.

1987 Auxiliary Queen For 1987-88



The Auxiliary Queen for year 1987-88 was crowned. Winners and runners-up for the contest from left were Roberta Rudd, fourth, Brenda Webster, second runner-up; Geneva Travue, queen; Patricia Thomas, fifth runner-up; and Elsie Parker, third runner-up.

A Gift Of Faith

Faith always precedes a miracle. Mrs. Margaret Bland of White Plains, New York, challenged all North Carolina Baptists to invest $1.00 (one dollar) annually to the General Baptist Foundation Family Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Bland contributed a gift of $100.00 and pledged to make additional contributions to fulfill her overall gift of $500.00. Mrs. Bland stressed her belief in this legacy for our children, and our children's children.

I am asking all General Baptist to rise to the challenge and donate a gift of $1.00 a year to the FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND of the General Baptist Foundation. Gifts to the Family Endowment Fund are used to build a permanent "Trust Fund" to be used to perpetuate our causes and objectives.

Foundation News

By Reverend G.K. Moss, Vice Chairman
Mr. George Frazier, Director



Mrs. Margaret Bland makes gift to Dr. James A. Clarke, General Baptist Foundation Family Endowment Fund Representative)

NEWS AROUND THE STATE Continued

Vacation Bible School '87

The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Wilmington held two weeks of Vacation Bible School from June 29-July 10. It was a most interesting experience in that the church conducted two sessions each day for the first time. The Morning Session was held from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon, and the Evening Session was held from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Each session was fully staffed with Directors, Teachers, Musicians and Hospitality personnel. The two sessions combined for an enjoyable closing program and fellowship on Friday, July 10, which involved a musical/drama.

The 1987 theme was "Hallelujah, Jesus is King!" The enrollment for both sessions was approximately 200 students with an average of 150 in daily attendance.

Ms. Amy Berry,
Director of Christian Education
Chester Wiggins,
Director of Morning Session
Daniel Small,
Director of Evening Session
Rev. Keith Wiley, Pastor

First Baptist Holds Shaw Day



The First Baptist Church recently celebrated their annual Central Children's Home Day.

It was held in conjunction with the regular morning worship service. The pastor, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, was the speaker.

A special offering was taken in the amount of $710.00.

This is a yearly effort at First Baptist. On alternating years, the youth department in conjunction with the seniors take a trek to the "HOME" to tour the ground, visit the dormitories and have lunch there.

Shown in the picture are Missionary Circle President, Mrs. Cleo Mitchell, and other Missionary Circle Officers looking on as Deacon Linwood Faulcon presents the check to Pastor Lawson.

First Baptist Makes Annual Contribution



Pastor Lawson is shown presenting Dr. Lucas the check for Shaw.

The Annual Shaw Day was held recently at the First Baptist Church, Reidsville, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson is the pastor.

Dr. John Lucas, Interim President of Shaw University, was the speaker for this auspicious occasion. The music was rendered by the Gospel and Men Choirs of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Melvin Partee and Paul J. Woods. The First Baptist family contributed $1,500 at this time toward the support of its Baptist Institution.

The Seniors, Young Adults, and youth of the church worked diligently for the support of this worthy cause.

Pastor Lawson, the Shaw Day Committee, and Chairperson Mrs. Fannie M. Vincent deemed this a very successful program.

The Shaw Day Committee and other church members culminated this special occasion with a luncheon at the Holiday Inn for Dr. and Mrs. John Lucas and other guests.

County Line Association Holds Annual 2-Day Session

Penn Avenue Baptist Church was host to the 62nd annual meeting of the County Line Baptist Association recently.

The theme for the two-day session was "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task."

The Rev. Moses Hardy, moderator, and the Rev. Hugene Fields, vice moderator, were in charge.

Several ministers from the 21 churches in the association spoke on the theme. The Rev. David Massey, pastor of the host church, conducted a workshop on church administration.

Deacon William L. Pointer presented a plaque from the association to Mrs. Willia C. Smith, who served as the first president of the Women's Auxiliary and for her many years of service to the association. Her daughter, Mrs. Vivian Ross, accepted the plaque, Mrs. Smith being ill and unable to attend.

Miss Pamela Comer of New Jonathan Creek Church was the recipient of a $300 scholarship. A $100 donation was made to Maurice Crutchfield, Chris Smith and Eric Smith to assist in the expenses of a trip to the softball World Series in Wisconsin. Other donations were made to Central Children's Home, Shaw University, the Shaw Divinity School, the General Baptist State Convention and the Lott Carey Convention.

The next session of the association, a one-day event, will convene with Huntsville Baptist Church on the Saturday before third Sunday in January, and the next two-day session with Whetstone Baptist Church in July 1988.

Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association Sunday School & BTU Convention Annual Session

Greetings to the officers, members and friends of the OEMBA Convention.

It has been a number of years since I was elected as an officer in this Convention. First as Vice President, and then in 1981 I was elected President. In 1984, we combined our Conventions and our by-laws to change our President every three years thereby giving an opportunity to the 1st Vice President to move up to the office of President; elect a new 2nd Vice President.

This year, for the first time, you will see those by-laws enacted. We have made certain changes and you will see others today such as:

— First time for a lady President
— Introductory of Health and Human Services
— Combine the two Conventions making one
— New by-laws written to give more people a chance in an official capacity
— Elect youth to top positions
— Involved our ministers to the fullest extent.

The church is fittingly and beautifully described as a body with Christ as its head. Paul made this point clear to the Ephesians; He put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him head over all things. Paul described, in even greater detail, the role of the church. The church, though made up of many members varying in sizes and functions and differing in age and ability, still works together under the leadership of Christ.

So then, a church lives! It is not a lifeless organization. As the body of Christ, we as members are to carry out his work.

The church is a spiritual temple where Christ dwells. It is this indwelling of the spirit that makes the church the living body of Christ. The church has a mission to fulfill. The church cannot be true to its nature without being on a mission. The mission of the church is to confront the nations of the world with the gospel. The mission of the church is to be a witness both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth Acts 1:8. The mission is clear, direct and positive.

Dr. Edwards — Guest At Rockingham County Union

By Mrs. Vernie Williams
Contributing Editor

It was regular quarterly meeting for the Rockingham County Union at Mt. Sinai Church in Eden. The day was special because our state president WBH&FMC, Dr. Luella Edwards, was guest speaker. She was introduced by county union president Mrs. Josephine Neal. Mrs. Exia H. Woods was Mistress of Ceremony.

Dr. Edwards presented a very inspirational message asking us to wake up and go to work. "As missionaries, there is work to be done."

The "Shaw Contestant" representing Rockingham County was also selected and presented. She is Miss Stephanie D. Hairston from the New Saint Paul Church in Eden. Special offering taken for benefit of Shaw University is given through the Youth Department's "Shaw Contest" at the State Convention.

In Memoriam

Faithful Missionary Baptist Passes

I have fought a good fight.
I have finished my course.
I have kept the faith.

Mr. Walter Boyd, Sr., son of the late Oliver and Ida Boyd, was born on October 13, 1910 in Craven County and departed this life on June 4, 1987.

Patience, endurance, loyalty and generosity are but a few words to describe his being. Early in life, he joined the Phillippi Baptist Church. His life was distinguished by service and dedication to God and his fellow persons in the following positions: Trustee, Deacon and Usher Board. He was a member of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, the NAACP, and was the leader of several church activities until his health declined.

He leaves to cherish many pleasant memories: a devoted wife, Mrs. Viola Byrd; five daughters, Mrs. Mildred Frye of Fayetteville, N.C., Mrs. Celestine Bruce of Roanoke, Va., Mrs. Roxanne Little and Mrs. Mary J. Mason both of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Mrs. Frances Jennings of Tacoma, Wash.; two sons, Lyman E. Boyd of Danbury, Conn. and Dorie M. Boyd of Brooklyn, N.Y.; one sister, Mrs. Helen Little of Simpson, N.C.; twenty grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

God saw the road was getting tough
And his hills were hard to climb.
He closed his gentle, loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace by thine."
His weary days, his nights of toil
And weary hours are past.
His ever gentle, worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

Phillippi Baptist Church is pastored by Reverend A.C. Bachelor.

Musical Workshop

A musical workshop was held at Moore's Creek Baptist Church in Currie, N.C., every third Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the exclusion of April. The first workshop was held March 28 and the last was held August 15.

The workshop was conducted by Mrs. Willie Jordan-Williams, concert singer, educator, choral director and arts organizer who is a native of New Bern, N.C., and a graduate of Virginia State University with a bachelor of science degree in vocal music education and a master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Mrs. Williams has performed as concert and guest soloist for many organizations across the eastern United States and Europe. She has conducted many church music workshops across the state. In 1982, Mrs. Williams became certified as a college level instructor of music.

The first workshop held March 28 consisted of a brief history of hymns in the church from the Old Testament times to the present, the basic order of Worship Service and the duties of the officers of the church. A musical notation staff, which consists of five horizontal lines and four horizontal spaces explaining Clef and Bass Clef, was given to each individual to learn in order to prepare them for the forthcoming sessions. The correct way to perform a church processional was demonstrated; that is, a choir should march with a brisk walk starting with the left foot and should not start singing until all choir members have reached the choir stand.

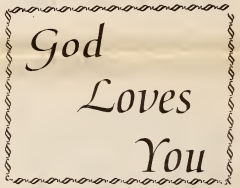
The second workshop held May 15 was teaching the history of hymns from the Old Testament times to the present. Hymns were discussed from the second century to the 20th century. Also, the Key of C was discussed as to how it would be applied to each pupil in the June workshop.

The third workshop, held June 20, involved the Key of C which is the first initial scale. Each person had the opportunity to sing and play the C scale. The group was also divided into trios to sing Joy to the World by musical numbers on the C scale. The basic order of Worship Service was explained and demonstrated; that is, the correct type of songs used for each service.

The fourth workshop demonstrated the singing voice. A sketch was drawn indicating how sound and tone are projected from the brain to the abdominal cavity. Each pupil demonstrated their singing voice of the vowel sound A, E, I, O and U along with breathing exercises. Consonants are used to stop sound. Also, the Scales of G & D major were practiced.

The fifth and final workshop was held August 15. Pastor Rev. John Keel, officers, members and friends were invited to witness the awarding of certificates to participants. Highlights of this workshop were reviewing the History of Hymns from Old Testament Times to Present, the singing voice, Scales C, G, D, B flat major, and E flat major. Dinner was served at the end of the program.

Musical Workshop Reporter, Mrs. Inez Spencer Parker, Secretary to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Finance at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.



From The President

Anniversary Dinner Fetes Bragg Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Leven E. Bragg celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, May 31, at the Holiday Inn of Washington.

A total of 160 friends and relatives heard the honored couple renew their wedding vows before their minister, the Rev. E.R. McNair, pastor of Spring Garden Baptist Church.

Carolyn B. Jefferson, daughter of the couple, rendered an original poem titled "Fifty Golden Years" and Climmon A. Jefferson, son-in-law, sang "I Believe." He was accompanied by Thelma Lee at the organ. Ms. Lee also provided entertainment throughout the festive occasion.

Following the renewal of vows, Leon Randolph delighted the audience by singing two romantic selections. Catherine Smallwood then offererd a toast to the couple using amusing highlights from their lives.

Carrie Venters, sister of Mrs. Bragg, was the mistress of ceremonies, while Henry Moore Jr. of South Carolina, brother-in-law of Mrs. Bragg, gave the invocation.

Mrs. Bragg was remembered with a pink orchid corsage and Mr. Bragg a gold-tipped boutonniere.

An array of flowers adorned the party area and a massive arrangement of colorful flowers graced the head table. The anniversary cake was displayed on a table covered with a lace and linen cloth, highlighted by pink bows.

The gift table was covered in a white linen cloth rimmed with handcrocheted lace.

Seated at the head table with the honorees were Carrie Venters, sister of Mrs. Bragg; Georgie V. and Henry Moore, sister and brother-in-law; Carolyn and Climmons Jefferson, daughter and son-in-law; Artoway and Ashley Jefferson, grandsons; Thelma Lee and Kelly Hammonds, nieces; L'Tanja Hall, grand niece, the Rev. and Mrs. McNair; Leon and Mildred Randolph, Catherine Smallwood, and Mrs. Percie Fair, a family friend.

Special guests included friends and relatives from Walterboro, S.C., New York, Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth, Va.

Hostesses for the occasion were Cynthia Spencer, Hope Ann Keyes, Gladys Hines, Yvonne Moore and Amanda Fair Watson. Junior hostesses were L'Tanya Hall and Kelly Hammonds.

Trent River Women Meet

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

— Psalms 133:1

The Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Woman's Home & Foreign Mission Auxiliary to the Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association was April 24-26, at Jenkins Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Sneads Ferry.

Rev. W.K. Raynor, Counselor, Dr. E.W. Wooten, Moderator, and Sister Jonie James, President.

Special sermons were delivered by the following ministers:

— Introductory Sermon — Rev. Benjamin Thompson. Theme: "There Is No Excuse" Luke 14:16-20.

— Present Outlook (Sermonette) — Rev. W.K. Raynor, Counselor. Theme: "How to Avoid Power Failure" Hebrew 12:15, I Corinthians 9:27, Ephesians 4:32.

— Educational Sermon — Rev. Robert Green Jr. Theme: "False Teachers and the Truth" II Timothy 3:16,17.

— Doctrinal Sermon — Rev. D. Hester. Theme: "God Did Not Bring Us This Far To Leave Now" Exodus 14.

— Missionary Sermon — Rev. J.D. Jacob. Theme: "Victory At Midnight."

— Closing Sermon — Rev. W.A. Greene. Theme: "Where Do We Go From Here" II Kings 7:34.

President's 6th Annual address by Sister Janie James. Scripture I Thessalonians 5:6 — Theme: "Stay Awake Don't Fall Asleep On The Job."

Total Finance Report — $10,492.00.

The Convention was very spiritual and highly attended. A key thought left with the Convention was — you need to be a good Missionary and Christian, stand humble — obedient and straight like an oak tree because there is nothing that God can't do. We must exhibit God's love because God can clean us up if wait on him. The next convention will convene in April 1988 at St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church of Pollocksville, N.C. Pastor, Rev. J.T. Parks.



Rev. W.K. Raynor, Counselor and Queens of Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1987

2 World Day of Prayer (BWA — Woman's Depart.)
7 Youth Evangelism Conference, Woman's Convention
21 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m. Baptist Headquarters
21 Woman's State Convention Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m. Conference Room
26 THANKSGIVING DAY

DECEMBER 1987

10 Laymen's Study Commission District #7 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., (place to be announced)
25 CHRISTMAS DAY
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 WATCH NIGHT

Fayetteville Welcomes GBSC

Profile Of John Fuller, Host Pastor And His Family



John D. Fuller

John D. Fuller was born May 23, 1946, in a "shotgun house" in Thomson, GA, which still stands today. John was the second of five children born to the late Leon Fuller of Burke County, GA, and the late Pearlie Mae Carter Sutton Fuller of Wilkes County, GA. He also has six sisters and brothers from his mother's previous marriage, from which she was widowed. There is a wide age span between John and his older brothers and sisters.

John D. Fuller was called to the ministry at the age of 16. However, he did not fully comprehend the call at that time. It was not until five months later after turning 17, that he recognized a definite void in his life. Even though he was working diligently in the church as Sunday School superintendent and Junior Deacon, he knew that God had a greater purpose in life for him.

He preached his initial sermon on Saturday, Sept. 23, 1963 during a church business meeting at Jones Grove Baptist Church. John preached his trial sermon from the floor, because "would-be" preachers were not allowed to grace the pulpit. Even as a licentiate, he was only allowed to sit in the pulpit upon receiv-

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Tentative GBSC Annual Session Program

Announced By President Humphrey

Sunday Evening — October 25th

7:00 p.m. Concert

Monday — October 26th
Laymen League Sessions
Dr. Charles C. Alston — Presiding

8:00 a.m. Registration Executive Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. All Laymen's Committees Meeting
10:00 a.m. Laymen's Convention Call to Order
Hymn
Scripture
Prayer
Theme: Mr. Alvis Ray
Greetings: Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President, GBSC
Welcome: Host Laymen
Response: Mr. Howard Graham
10:30 a.m. Greetings: Dr. Luella D. Edwards, WBHFM
Sunday School/Baptist Training Union Congress
Mr. Cleveland Griffin, Ushers
11:00 a.m. Workshop: Dr. Leo Williams
11:20 a.m. Music, Laymen's Male Chorus
11:30 a.m. Shaw Divinity School Hour
Address: Dean Gregory T. Headen
12:15 p.m. Announcements and Offering
12:30 p.m. Lunch

Monday Afternooon Session
Mr. Jarvis Morgan, Fourth Vice President — Presiding

2:00 p.m. Devotions: Mr. Elihue Sinclair
Mr. John McQueen
2:15 p.m. Theme Address: Mr. Alvis Ray
2:30 p.m. Report of Executive Board: Charles C. Alston
3:00 p.m. The Baptist Foundation
By Rev. A.D. Logan
3:30 p.m. Music Laymen's Male Chorus
3:45 p.m. Sermon: Rev. Keith Wiley, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C.
4:15 p.m. Offering Announcements
4:30 p.m. Greetings: Dr. Corbin Cooper, Cooperative Ministries
Mr. Curtis Jackson, Health & Human Services
Mr. Michael Alston, Central Orphanage
Rev. Theodore Breeden, Baptist Assembly
5:00 p.m. Adjournment — Dinner

Monday Night Session
Mr. Ernest Dansby, Third Vice President — Presiding

7:00 p.m. Devotion:
7:15 p.m. Theme Address: Brother Marvin Pittman, President Laymen League, Elevation, Raleigh
7:30 p.m. Welcome:
7:40 p.m.
7:50 p.m. Education and Study Commission Report — Mr. Jarvi Morgan, Fourth
8:00 p.m. Men and Boys Retreat, Brother Frank Marshall
8:10 p.m. Music: Laymen's Male Chorus
8:20 p.m. Report of Laymen's Work
8:30 p.m. Greetings: Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary, GBSC
Introduction of Speaker, Mr. Everette Miles
8:40 p.m. Laymen's Male Chorus
8:50 p.m. Sermon: Rev. Theodore Breeden
Offering, Announcements, Benediction
10:00 p.m. EVANGELISTIC SERVICE — Lewis Chapel Baptis Church

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Please Plan To Attend GBSC Annual Session

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators of the Associations, Presidents of the District Conventions and Unions, and Members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

On October 26 and 29, 1987, all roads in the state will lead to the Annual Session of the General Session of the General Baptist State Convention and the State Baptist Laymen League Convention, which will be held at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Dr. J.D. Fuller, pastor of Lewis Chapel, and other pastors of the City will serve as our host.

I am asking all of our pastors and churches to give their full cooperation and support in doing the following things:

1. Encouraging members and friends to attend the session.

2. Pray for the leaders of the Convention as they seek to map plans for the growth and development of the Convention.

3. Bring or send as much money as possible for the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, the Central Children's Orphanage, and especially for State Missions, which has the financial responsibilities of operating the Baptist Headquarters, the support of the staff and the financial support of the Annual Session.

4. In an effort to pay off our bank notes and other money borrowed against our Building Fund, we are asking each pastor of our Convention to give a personal contribution of one hundred dollars or what ever he can give for this indebtedness.

We strongly urge all pastors to be present for the Pastors' Workshop which will be conducted by Dr. Harold Carter on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The Pastor's Workshop or Seminar will deal with: Administration, Stewardship and Evangelism. Dr. Carter will preach on Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Our Annual Session promises to be a great session with your help and cooperation.



Dr. C.C. Craig

Baptist State Convention Announces Church Building Conference

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is planning a Church Building Conference Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Lower Creek Baptist Church, 633 Lower Creek Drive, N.E. Lenoir, 704 758-2315. The Conference is scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. and is sponsored by the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Conference Theme is: Church Building. If your church is planning to build, or remodel, this Conference will be of benefit to you and your church. Topics to be discussed are:

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

Church And Synagogue Library Workshop

By Susan McClure

Dr. Jerry Campbell, University Librarian at Duke University, will be the keynote speaker for the Oct. 17 workshop of the North Carolina Chapter of the Church and Synagogue Library Association, to be held at Pleasant Ridge Christian Church in Ramseur. The Saturday workshop, which runs from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., will also include a slide presentation on "Setting Up a Library — How to Begin or Begin Again," and talks on "Setting Policy for Your Church Library" and "Financing the Church Library."

The day's program includes time to browse in the Pleasant Ridge Library, the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with church librarians from across the state, and brunch provided by the host church. Free publishers' and suppliers' catalogs will be available as well as an exhibit of books from the Baptist Book Store in Greensboro. There is a registration fee of $3.00 for the workshop.

The North Carolina Chapter of the Church and Synagogue Library Association welcomes all who work in church and synagogue libraries, both professionals and volunteers. It provides educational guidance through Spring and Fall workshop and regular newsletters. Further information about programs and membership may be obtained from the president, Louise Parker, 2211 Arrington St., Durham, 27707, telephone (919) 493-5782.

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By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



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First, I would like to thank God for the privilege to serve the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated as its 28th President the past year. I still remember Wednesday, October 30, in the early morning hours when the official vote tally was made and I had been elected your new President. I campaigned under the theme: "A New Day of Unity, Strength and Progress for the GBSC." For the past year, I have moved around the state to fulfill my campaign promise. I am proud to report to you that truly God has blessed the GBSC. I can see many signs of positive growth and spiritual fellowship. We have a great Convention, our gifts, as a State Convention, to mission and Christian Education lead the nation's Black Baptist State Conventions. Our Headquarters Staff coordinates, and serves as a clearinghouse for our "work." We share in and are a part of two great Baptist Educational Institutions: Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. We reach out to our children and youth through the Central Children's Home, (formerly Central Orphanage), in Oxford. Our missionary enterprise through Lott Carey reaches beyond the boundaries of America, liberating and bringing hope to those less fortunate than we are in Africa, Central and the Caribbean.

I want you to come and share with me in FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, October 26-29, 1987 in my first Annual Session as your President. I want you to be represented in large numbers.

I also hope that each GENERAL BAPTIST PASTOR, CHURCH, ASSOCIATION, and UNION will bring a SPECIAL contribution for State Mission. We also have asked each pastor to make a sacrificial gift of $100.00 to our Convention. Our Convention theme this year has been "The Challenge of the Unifinished Task", (**John 4:34-35 KJV**). **Our work** is not done, we must labor until the setting sun. God has called us to the task of bringing in the Kingdom of God. May God bless you all. I hope to see you at our Annual Session.

1987 ANNUAL SESSION
Come to Fayetteville October 26-29, 1987 and share with me in my first Annual Session as your President. Come share the thanks, the joy, the love, the fellowship and the praise to God. Thank you all.

! Correction !

"The Pastor's Bookshelf' which appeared on page 10 in the "Special Summer" edition was written by Rev. Haywood T. Gray. The article on the "Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Station," page 19, was written by Rev. A.C. Batchelor.

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"The Unfinished Task"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

So very quickly has the time gone, and we find ourselves in October, the second month of our new 1987-88 fiscal year. Some of us have attended several Conventions in State and out of State and now are returning to find yet "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task."

Among the many activities which compose of our unfinished task is that of always expressing our gratitude of God and those who help us do the mission and missions He has assigned to our hands. Therefore, on the heels of our annual session and closing our fiscal books, we pause to give thanks to God who has brought us through another year and to you who have responded to His call to support His work our Woman's Convention's ministry.

Our proposed budget, WBH&FMC, for this 1987-88 fiscal year is **$487,401.00:** Shaw University **$44,000.00,** Shaw Divinity School **$30,000.00,** Foreign Missions **$40,000.00,** Central Orphanage **$31,000.00,** Baptist Assembly **$15,000.00,** State Missions **$327,401.00.** Let us pledge and give liberally and sacrificially this year to these objectives which look to us for substantial assistance as each seeks to minister in its unique way. Such is our unfinished task regarding our objectives.

For as long as we live there shall be the unfinished task of learning. The conventional book, Becoming **A Christian Leader** is recommended for the seniors, **Discipleship in the Home** for the Young Adults, and **My Salvation: Secure & Sure!** for the youth. Books may be secured from our Convention's Office. Please contact the office for books and instructors for the mission study institutes.

On Saturday, October 10, 1987, at 10:00 a.m. will be our Institute Workers' Clinic at the Baptist Headquarters. Only are all the Convention's certified instructors urged to attend and receive their materials.

Still another of our unfinished tasks is that of intercessory prayer. Let us recall that October is identified as a **Prayer Month** for Christian education, namely, Shaw University and The Shaw Divinity School. Let us pray that God will grant these institutions and their administrators the needed wisdom, knowledge, support, vision, strength, and courage in times like these.

On November 2, 1987, some of us will observe **World Day of Prayer** under the auspices of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. "God's Command: Be Peacemakers" is the theme for the occasion. Prayer materials (free) may be received from the office of the Woman's Convention.

There remains the unfinished task of witnessing for Christ. Ever conscious of this our Woman's Convention will sponsor the Youth Evangelism Conference on Saturday, November 7, 1987, beginning at 9:00 at Gregory Junior High on the corner of 10th and Ann Streets, Wilmington, North Carolina. The First Baptist Church, Dr. J.Z. Windley, pastor, and the New Hanover County Union, Mrs. Isabelle McGowan, president, will Co-host this Conference. Let's come together in great numbers and relate to this Conference's mission. Each youth is asked to bring his/her Bible and also give a contribution of $2.00.

Yes, How true is it that our task as God's people remains even now unfinished!

Dr. J.B. McLester Honored By Former Students

By
President Luella D. Edwards

Dr. Johnnie Blunt McLester was honored twice this past summer by former students from the Durham High School city system.

On May 24, Durham graduates living in the Washington, D.C., area honored Dr. McLester during their tenth annual scholarship award at the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Dr. McLester was cited as the teacher who "is considered to have had a very positive influence on the lives of all of the students she taught." She was lauded for establishing the first guidance program and aiding her students in learning to make wise and thoughtful decisions. Many students owe their success to her.

The Durhamites of the New York Metropolitan Area also honored Dr. McLester on June 20 in New York with the second Human Service Award.

President Willie Harris Waddell noted that "we all learned a lot of what we know from you among others and this is our way of saying we greatly appreciate you and we love you, too."

Congratulations, Dr. McLester. Your children have called you "blessed."



Dr. J.B. McLester



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Our Theme:

The Challenge Of The Unfinished Task

President Luella Edwards ANNUAL ADDRESS

From Manteo to Murphy, as I have traveled this past year, my theme has been that "There is a Place for you in the Woman's Convention," and I re-emphasize it this morning. There are not supposed to be any big shots here. The late Dr. Nannie H. Burrough used to say that "A big shot was nothing but a little shot that kept right on shooting." So if you feel that you are a little shot, keep right on shooting. Everyone of you is somebody. Don't let anyone tell you differently. There are people with responsibilities, but they are not big shots to them that they are so important. Not even the President. We are servants of the Lord. The ground is level around the cross.

The challenges we face as a Convention include our helping each individual to carry his or her share of the responsibility. The challenges show us that the task assigned to us is still unfinished. That means that we have loads of work to do and miles to go before we sleep. We are in the business of telling the story of Jesus and there is a place for you on this team of witnesses.

There is work to be done. Many of us get up early in the morning to begin work and still leave before finishing the task.

Some get up late and quit before the assigned task is completed.

Others procrastinate — saying to themselves "I'll do it later."

How long Missionary friends will it take us to be about our Father business?

"To love some one more dearly ev'ry day,
To help a wandering child to find his way,
To ponder o'er a noble thought, and pray,
And smile when evening falls,
This is my task
To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight.
And answer when He calls.
This crowns my task.
-Maude Louise Ray-

THE TASK IS GREAT:

The harvest is white and the laborers are few, and we are challenged to complete the task. The commission for us "go into all the world" is unchanged. Our task is go into the fields of life and to pluck from among the tares of pride and selfishness, hostility and doubt the ripened souls and bodies of our fellow mankind.

Our sole purpose for being missionaries is for evangelizing. If we fail to do that, our circles will lose their purpose for existence and will become just another club to join and another function to attend. Missions is God's purpose. The place is to begin where we are. The time to begin is NOW. We must make positive decisions because the need is deep.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior."



Dr. Luella D. Edwards

Presiding Vice President Johnson, Vice Presidents Bullock, White, and Whitted: other officers of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated; members of our Executive Board; Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Priscilla A. Brodie; General Baptist President, Dr. J.B. Humphrey; Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C.C. Craig; and other officers of the parent body; Presidents, Secretaries and officers of all auxiliaries, Delegates, Distinguished Guests; Members of the Young Adult Department and members of our Youth Department; Brothers, Sisters and Friends assembled here in his Benton Convention Center in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina:

I have been blessed with another year to serve as president of this outstanding Convention. I am aware that it is through no goodness of mine, but by the grace of God. I know I am blessed. There are so many ways to prove that I'm blessed. There are lyrics to a song that say:

"As I look at the clothes that I'm
wearing; and the shoes that I have on
my feet; And the house that the Lord
gave me for shelter, and the food
in my cupboard to eat. Oh, it makes
me know that I'm blessed.

As I look at the blind without vision
and the lame that cannot walk;
This makes me know I've been
blessed by my Savior, Just to know
I am able to talk. Oh it makes me
know that I'm blessed.

As I look around me I realize that
I'm blessed. And I give God all the
thanks and the praise and sing
"Glory to his name, precious
name."

God has been good to me. He has protected me over the highways and in the byways, in the state and outside the state; in the air and on the ground; in this country and outside this country. Let us praise the Lord.

MY FAMILY AND ORGANIZATIONS:

The demands on my time take me away from my husband and my Church family, and because they understand, I want to say thank you both for being so supportive. Without it, it would be most difficult for me.

Next month, my beloved husband and I hope to celebrate another wedding anniversary, for which we thank God.

When we were married, whenever the officiating minister asked me would I promise my beloved, I said verbally, "I do." — But as recorded in the Book of Ruth, I made another promise — a mental promise: "Whither thou goest, I will go, thy people shall be my people and thy God, my God." This has been my creed.

Jewyl, our only child, thank you for consenting to give the introduction. You and your family make me very proud. I love you for just being you.

To the Fayetteville City Union, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Union Baptist Association, District 5, Group 2, thank you for putting my attendance on loan to others for four years. You are Sisters and Brothers worthy of "owning up to."

To all of you, for your prayers, friendship, gifts, and encouragement thank you for helping me to run this journey.

THE NEED IS DEEP:

Who would have thought that from a dozen men could come forth a spiritual Kingdom that would encircle the world? The Bible teaches that Jesus ". . .went about all the cities and villages teaching . . . and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. . .But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd." (Matt 9:35)

In one instance this is a sad picture because the multitude was scattered, but then it becomes a happy picture because the multitude is like a harvest field waiting for the reaper. That's where you and I enter the picture. Because we are supposed to have hearts like God, we are the reapers. Mankind is God's field and God is the Lord of Harvest. People must respond. Without reapers the harvest may be lost. Christ knew that he had to delegate his work. So he gave His disciples the Great Commission "Go, ye, into all the worked . . and make disciples."

As much as Christ has done for us we cannot afford to sit back and ignore the task He left for us. This is a challenge.

When Jesus said the multitude he had compassion. What moves you to compassion? The harvest is here ripe and waiting for the reapers, so it can be reaped.

"Hark the voice of Jesus saying, Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvest waiting
Who will bear the sheaves away?

Let none hear you idly saying, There is nothing I can do;
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth;
'Here am I, send me, send me,'

Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich rewards He offers free;
Who will answer glady saying, 'Here am I, send me, send me' "
(Lenderman

There are souls to be saved. Wishful thinking will not bring them into the fold. They will not come to us We have to go out where they are roll up our sleeves and give ourselves fully to the task. Complete involvement is the only answer.

THE MINNIE C. LYON SPECIAL PROJECT:

One thing I have learned throughout my Christian journey is to ask God for what is needed then wait or Him. Often when He answers, it is beyond human understanding. I asked you to support my recommendation to help celebrate the 100th birthday of Miss Minnie C. Lyon on December 25, 1986. Momentarily, I forgot that my Father answers the prayers of His children became when Dr. Brodie told me the results I was overwhelmed with gratitude You went far beyond my expectations. Dr. Brodie has forwarded to the Woman's office of the Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention almost $6,000.00 which is one-half of the total. That amount was earmarked "the medical clinic" in Liberia, West Africa. You may rest assured that Dr Somerville will see that it gets there for that purpose. Thank you so much.

This support has enabled us to provide supplies for our clinic at the Lott Carey Mission in Liberia, West Africa.

We are still supporting our financial objectives. Shaw University still needs our support. She is out of the recovery room, but not yet ready to

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walk around the halls. We have contributed to the $40,000,000 rally initiated recently.

The Shaw Divinity School needs extra help. Our Ministers' Wives Fellowship has as its project the Divinity School. If you are the wife of one of our Baptist ministers and have not made your annual $10.00 contribution, it is not too late. See our finance committee before you leave.

Our other objectives are being given attention as needed. We solict your continued support.

THE HARVEST IS RIPE:

Many of us cannot relate to the word "harvest." One needs to have an understanding of farming to know that a harvest cannot occur until the crops that have been planted have reached physical maturity. Any harvest before that is no good. It is futile. Physical maturity requires that the crops receive proper amount of sunlight, moisture and warmth. Also proper soil cultivation in order to reach full maturity.

God has summoned us to be his disciples. We are his hired hands who will labor in the fields of humanity in order to make the harvest successful.

We are going to reap just what we sow. This applies to both the good harvest of the Spirit and bad harvest of the flesh. We cannot avoid the law of the harvest. Because of the promise of reaping eternal life, this should encourage us to enlarge the scope of our sowing.

No one parable teaches us everything. Analogy is not proof, and neither can a figure of speech or story give a meaning in every detailed point. We find a great difference in the soil of life and the soil of the earth. No matter how hard we work, some soil cannot be cultivated. There are ice fields in the Arctic and there are sands in the desert. Also soil cannot change the climate. The human soul, or soil can work at creating its own environment, A person can plow up the paths and pluck out the thorns. He can blast away the rocks or remove what other problems that exist to defy and defeat cultivation.

God has a way of allowing man to run his course, then God whips him back in line. I don't believe that this matter of AIDS is any accident in its timing. We became so involved in making a Living and enjoying it until we forgot our task. We seemingly put it on the shelf for a while. The devil seized this opportunity and took control of our young. He seems to have said, "Sexual promiscuity is all right. Just use some protection. Try life. As long as there is a commitment between you two, don't get married. Have some fun." And, many listened. Then came AIDS. Now everybody is scared. Our task is unfinished. We must teach what this saith the Lord. Jesus still speaks from eternity.

I don't want us to feel that we are secure in our Circles and other organizations. There is work to be done. We must teach as we have been commanded.

SOWING AND REAPING:

Sowing comes before harvesting. When we sow seeds we expect a harvest.

A tomato seed yields a tomato plant which produces a tomato. When we pull the tomato to eat, that is the harvest.

When we sow flower seeds, they produce flower plants. When the plant is in full bloom, we pick the flowers to adorn the dinner table — that's the harvest.

We cannot expect a harvest when we have not sown any seeds. Our task is to sow the seeds. Sow them in the morning, sow them at the noontide and the dewy eve. Then we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.

When we sow seeds of kindness, we expect to reap a harvest of happy people.

When we sow seeds of faith, we expect to reap a harvest of thankful people.

The harvest is ripe. Our task is to get up and gather it in. There are people who are dissatisfied with their lives. There are people looking for new meaning and value. There are persons who are apathetic and disillusioned. People who are just plain lost and are turning round and round without finding a way out of the maze they find themselves in.

THE CHALLENGE

All I have said this morning has been to awaken ourselves to the tasks before us and to challenge ourselves to accept the challenge of the unfinished task. Our prayer should be:

"Thy way, O Lord, not mine; Thy will be done not mine;
Since Thou for me didst bleed, And now doth intercede,
Each day I simply plead, Thy will be done.

Hide me from self, O Lord, May I attend Thy word,
Send pride beyond recall, Let each assailer fall
Be Thou my all in all, Thy will be done.

Submissively I bow, With strength and grace endow
This weary sinful heart; Shield from each cruel dart
May I from Thee ne'er part; Thy will be done.
Thy will, Thy will be done; Incline my heart each day to say,
Thy will be done."

This is **"THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK.**

PRESIDENT EDWARDS
Recommendations 1987-1988

1. That the Woman's Convention continue to celebrate the birthday of Miss Minnie C. Lyon, our Returned Missionary, on December 25, 1987. Miss Lyon spent 30 years in Liberia, West Africa.

Also, that each circle in our Convention and/or individuals give a monetary gift designated for the Miss Lyon Project and send it to our office by December 20th.

And, that one-half of your gift will be given to Miss Lyon on her birthday, and that the other half will be send from our office to the Woman's Department of the Lott Carey Convention specifically for the work in Liberia she feels she left undone. The project will be the clinic where she worked as as missionary.

2. That the Woman's Convention encourage circles to make a way for the Young Adults to take a more active role in the senior department upon their promotion.

3. That the Woman's Convention encourage our youth Supervisors to teach our youth to become positive and learn to say "yes" to what is right and "no" to what is wrong, and to avoid becoming involved in pre-marital sexual activities using the Bible as our main source and guideline.

4. That we continue our financial support to Shaw University in her time of struggle.

5. That we continue our cooperation and support of the Parent Body and its auxiliaries.

Standing Tall

By Ms. Augusta White

North Carolina stood "TALL" at the annual meeting of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention held in Philadelphia, August 31-September 4, 1987.

On Tuesday afternoon in the Auxiliary Meeting, several churches from North Carolina were recognized for the First Mile Journey for having paid between $350.00 and $999.00. Second Mile between $1,000.00 and $2,000.00. The Third Mile was contributions of over two thousand dollars. Certificates were presented to these churches from the Auxiliary. At the close of the presentation. Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, electrified the audience with her rendition of "If I Can Help Somebody." Dr. Brodie got a standing ovation.

Tuesday night Dr. Clifford Jones, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, carried the Convention to the mountain top when he preached, using the topic "In Dialogue With Death," taken from the 1st Corinthians 15th chapter-verse 54: "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written Death is swallowed up in Victory." "This passage deals with the resurrection with Christ. We say the word, but I am afraid there are times we don't confirm the resurrection message which had its zenith at Bethlehem and culminated at Calvary. And though we die we shall live again. And Death is swallowed up in Victory. I don't understand that because everything we swallow goes down; however, 'Death is swallowed up in Victory.' Death is swallowed up by Death meaning Victory at Calvary. Death in the grave is not the end.

"Regardless of whether you are the first or the oldest you have to deal with death. God realized one day that death was riding high and that we needed a life line and he would work it out with life and death. God became a man and walked among men and He was working it out because He wanted us to have "joy in the morning." Your time is worked out. You have to pray before you go about Calvary because you will have to shed some tears; sometimes you will be talked about, sometimes lied about but you will remember on your way to Calvary that Jesus died like other men and was buried, but there was something different about him.

"The third day he said he would rise again and he did. There is Victory on the other side of the grave. I know that I have a home up in glory that will outshine the sun. I know that death and the grave will not separate me from my home. Death is swallowed up in Victory. Just live the life and give God the Glory."

On Thursday afternoon North Carolina was thrilled when Dr. Luella D. Edwards, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, was elected and installed as Second Vice President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

Dr. S.A. Raper of Shelby was the "Ram in the Bush," and preached a soul-stirring message on Thursday afternoon, pinchhitting for President Humphrey who was ill.

Checklist of books read

The Old Testament

- ☐ Genesis
- ☐ Exodus
- ☐ Leviticus
- ☐ Numbers
- ☐ Deuteronomy
- ☐ Jushua
- ☐ Judges
- ☐ Ruth
- ☐ 1 Samuel
- ☐ 2 Samuel
- ☐ 1 Kings
- ☐ 2 Kings
- ☐ 1 Chronicles
- ☐ 2 Chronicles
- ☐ Ezra
- ☐ Nehemiah
- ☐ Esther
- ☐ Job
- ☐ Psalms
- ☐ Proverbs
- ☐ Ecclesiastes
- ☐ Song of Songs
- ☐ Isaiah
- ☐ Jeremiah
- ☐ Lamentations
- ☐ Ezekiel
- ☐ Daniel
- ☐ Hosea
- ☐ Joel
- ☐ Amos
- ☐ Obadiah
- ☐ Jonah
- ☐ Micah
- ☐ Nahum
- ☐ Habakkuk
- ☐ Zephaniah
- ☐ Haggai
- ☐ Zechariah
- ☐ Malachi

The New Testament

- ☐ Matthew
- ☐ Mark
- ☐ Luke
- ☐ John
- ☐ Acts
- ☐ Romans
- ☐ 1 Corinthians
- ☐ 2 Corinthians
- ☐ Galations
- ☐ Ephesians
- ☐ Philippians
- ☐ Colossians
- ☐ 1 Thessalonians
- ☐ 2 Thessalonians
- ☐ 1 Timothy
- ☐ 2 Timothy
- ☐ Titus
- ☐ Philemon
- ☐ Hebrews
- ☐ James
- ☐ 1 Peter
- ☐ 2 Peter
- ☐ 1 John
- ☐ 2 John
- ☐ 3 John
- ☐ Jude
- ☐ Revelation

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ing an invitation by the Pastor when visiting another church.

During his last two years of high school, John maintained an "A" average; he developed leadership qualities as the president of his Junior class and placed first in the District Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Yorkrite Masons. From this oratorical endeavor, he received a scholarship. He participated in softball, but did not play basketball or football, primarily because he lived ten miles from the school. This extensive distance from school, coupled with the fact that there was only one other person attending Norris High from his area, precluded participation in such nighttime activites, as he would have no one with whom to walk home. Consequently, he opted for academic excellence over excellence in sports. This, he achieved!

John graduated from Norris High School in the spring of 1965. With scholarships from the Viola E. Avery Scholarship Fund and the Yorkrite Masons District Oratorical award, he was able to study at Paine College in Augusta, GA — a four-year Liberal Arts College supported by the United Methodist and Christian Methodist Episcopal Church from 1965 to 1966. There he served as President of the Freshman class and as a member of the Student/Faculty Senate.

1966 was a year of major events in John Fuller's life. He suffered a personal loss with the sickness of his father that year. In addition, he was forced to discontinue his studies at Paine College after being drafted in the United States Army. Following Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, he extended for another year and later entered Advance Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, for Heavy Equipment Repair Foreman. Upon completion of his military schooling, he was sent to South Korea, where he was assigned to the 20th General Support Group, 33tth Maintenance Battalion. While a member of this unit, he became a self-trained Parts Specialist. By the end of 13 and one-half months, he had been promoted to NCO status of Sergeant E-5, which is the rank that he sustained until separation from the military. His father died while he was at Fort Lee, VA, in Advanced Individual Training.

In August, 1968, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with duty in the 600th Quartermaster Company. As a member of this unit, he was assigned duty as a Warehouse man for the Riggers. It was in North Carolina, in 1969, while stationed at Fort Bragg, John Fuller met Brenda Avery at China Grove Baptist Church. Brenda was chairperson of Youth Day at her church and had heard about this young preacher who had been preaching in the community. Subsequently, Brenda Avery invited Sgt. John D. Fuller to speak for their services. This invitation led, after a brief courtship, to the marriage of John and Brenda on Nov. 22, 1969.

From 1969 to 1973, Rev. Fuller served as Pastor of Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church, Hope Mills, N.C. There, he led the congregation to completely renovate and brick veneer the old sanctuary structure to its present outer appearance. An office was built for the Pastor and bathrooms installed. During worship services, the congregation grew to standing room only. He organized the Baptist Training Union, which was second to none.

John Fuller pastored Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC most of the same period of time (1970-1973). While at Beauty Spot, he led the congregation to build a fellowship hall and kitchen. Attendance and finances also increased.

It was during these initial pastoral years that he continued his education pursuits and his first two children were born — John Fuller Jr., and Eva Regina Fuller. From January 1971 through July, 1973, he attended Fayetteville State University, while serving full time in the ministry, majoring in Sociology. He was on the Dean's List and was an Honor Student throughout his tenure. He completed the requirements for a B.A. Degree in Sociology, in the upper percentage of his class, in 1973; however, he did not march until 1974.

In July, 1973, John D. Fuller Sr. was hired as Day Care Coordinator of the Cumberland Community Action, Inc., where he was to gain the experience and training which would later inspire him to underwrite and establish our own Lewis Chapel Day Care Center. In the Community Action position, he was responsible for directing a program to establish and develop day care centers geared to aid low income and disadvantaged individuals. He was instrumental in preparing the Seventy-First Center for Day Care Services.

During early summer of 1973, Rev. Fuller was approached by a small committee from Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church to discuss the possibility of his becoming their Pastor.

Rev. Fuller assumed the pastorate of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church the third Sunday in October, 1973. Leaving a very successful ministry with the two local churches — Baptist Union Baptist Church and Beauty Spot Baptist Church.

From 1974-75, he attended Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree. He completed 43 hours at Shaw, being added to the Dean's List each grading period. In the spring of 1976, he transferred from Shaw Divinity School to Morehouse School of Religion, Interdenominational Center in Atlanta, GA. While there, he placed on the Honor Roll, the Dean's List and was a Benjamin F. Mays Fellow. He received his Master of Divinity Degree with a concentration in Parish Administration and Biblical Studies from Morehouse.

On the State level, Rev. Fuller takes an active role in the mission of the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC) of North Carolina. He served the GBSC as the fourth Vice President for the period 1982-1986. He presently serves as Chairman of the Central Orphanage Commission. Rev. Fuller is also a member of both the Executive and the General Boards of the GBSC, Inc. For the past ten years in succession, Pastor Fuller has led Lewis Chapel Church to being one of the top 15 "Best Giving Churches" to the GBSC. He has also served on the State level as a member of the Board of Visitors at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C.

On the National level, Pastor Fuller served eight years on the Board of Directors of Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, GA. As a Board member, he served on the Funding Committee and chaired the Sub-Committee on Alumni Support. Presently, Rev. Fuller serves as Treasurer of Morehouse School of Religion's Natural Alumni Association. He is on the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention.

He was one of the plaintiffs who joined the N.A.A.C.P. in a suit against Cumberland County Board of Education in seeking greater minority representation. The Justice Department agreed. As a result, we now have three minority members on the merged Board of Education to be elected by districts in 1988. He also joined the N.A.A.C.P. in actively picketing Food Lion stores to persuade them to agree to a fair share for blacks in management positions.

The Fuller Family Welcomes GBSC To Fayetteville



Brenda Avery Fuller is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Brenda is the only child of the late Leroy Avery and the late Frankie Shaw Avery of Fayetteville, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Bladen Central High School, Elizabethtown, North Carolina. After completion of high school she entered Bladen Technical College, where she finished with a degree in Office Technology. Brenda is now employed with Fayetteville State University as a secretary.

Brenda is a member of the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she is Secretary of the Young Adult Missionary. She is also an active member of the Sunday School.



Eva Regina Fuller is the second child of three children born to John D. Fuller Sr. of Thomson, Georgia, and Brenda Avery Fuller of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Regina is a ninth grader at Reid Ross Junior High School. She is a member of the Chorus and softball team.

Regina is a member of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she is Secretary of the Youth Missionary. She is a member of the Senior High Voices, Sunday School, and softball team.



Frankie Bernard Fuller is the third child of three children born to John D. Fuller Sr. of Thomson, Georgia, and Brenda Avery Fuller of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Bernard is an eighth grader at Reid Ross Junior High School. He is a member of the Guidance Counselor.

Bernard is a member of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he is Assistant Secretary of the Youth Missionary. He is a member of the Youth for Christ Choir, and a member of the Sunday School.



John D. Fuller Jr. is the first of three children born to John D. Fuller Sr. of Thomson, Georgia, and Brenda Avery Fuller of Fayetteville, North Carolina. John is an eleventh grader at E.E. Smith High School. He is a member of the Students against Drunk Drivers (SADD), Male Chorus, Track team, and the Key Club. He is a very hard worker.

John is a member of the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he is Third Vice-President of the Youth Missionary. He is a member of the Youth Ushers, Senior High Voices, Sunday School, and the softball team.

EDITORIAL

Death Or Life

By State Representative
The Rev. Sidney A. Locks,
Pastor, Sandy Grove
Missionary Bapist Church,
Lumberton, N.C.



The Honorable Rev. Sidney A. Locks

What is your position on the death penalty for capital crimes? Do you agree that the State of North Carolina should kill and put to death those persons convicted of capital crimes? Should children 18 years old and younger who are convicted of capital crimes be executed? Most Americans have not taken the time to work through their personal position about whether children should be put to death for committing capital crimes. Such was the issues before the North Carolina General Assembly in its just concluded, 1987 Session. House Bill 541, (hereafter referred to as "the Bill"), in its original submitted text set forth in Bill form dictate that: All persons 17 years old and under would be exempt from the death penalty and be given life imprisonment.

The Bill invoked major debate on both sides of the capital punishment issue in the Senate and House of the General Assembly. The Bill was introduced by yours truly, [Representative Sidney A. Locks] [**Editor's insert**], along with the support of many groups and organizations including our own General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Let me hasten to add that my colleagues, several who are members of the General Baptist Convention were key to movement of this Bill. The reasons for presenting the Bill was directly related to both theological and sociological challenges to the then law which would have allowed minors to be put to death in North Carolina despite the fact that it has been over 40 years since the last minor was executed in North Carolina. I felt that the Bill was necessary to move North Carolina to a higher level of moral conscious and Legislative responsibility.

The Rev. Archie D. Logan Jr., Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina led the fight to repeal the death penalty law for minors. Along with the General Baptist State Convention, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, North Carolina Coalition Against the Death Penalty, North Carolina Prison and Jail Project, NAACP, and many others a coalition was formed to support House Bill 541.

The legislators struggled with such questions as: Should minors be treated like adults? When should the line be drawn in the case of capital crimes and capital punishment? Is the penalty of life imprisonment adequate for minors who are convicted of the same capital crimes as adults? Did the financial implications for the State to keep and maintain a prisoner for life outweigh the taking of the life of a minor child?

Sent to the House Judiciary II Committee chaired by Representative Dan Blue (D) Raleigh, the Bill received a favorable report first in a subcommittee chaired by Representative Milton Fitch (D) Wilson County and then by the full committee. When on the floor of the House the Bill was amended to read that only minors, 16 years and under would receive protection from the new North Carolina law. Eventually the measure passed the House with protection for minors under 17 or who were convicted of capital crimes committed on their 17th birthday.

In the Senate debate focused on whether the Bill should have retroactive protection for pending cases of minor children who had committed recent capital crimes. The Senate vote was close but the Bill passed.

Countries other than Western Democracies that prohibit the death penalty for convicted children are the U.S.S.R., South Africa, Iraq, and Iran, to name a few. Other American States have similar legislation. Yet in North Carolina this long legislative battle was won by religious, legal and social interest groups educating both legislators and the general public on the basis of the issue involved. Issues such as:

— Is Capital Punishment merely legalized murder?

— Do we as Christians condone murdering even murders?

— Do we give children another chance at living a forgiven and protective life?

— Do we live our lives as New Testament Christians or as Old Testament legalistic Christians?

— Should the State promote the concept of vengeance?

In my opinion I believe that the education process provided by the coalition of concerned groups, organizations, and persons had a great deal to do with the passage of the Bill into law. The members of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus also gave valuable support with a viable and committed coalition of legislators from both Houses. "The fervent prayers of the righteous also availeth much" (James 5:16) KJV.

I am thankful to Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention; and Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of GBSC, and again my colleagues in the Legislative Black Caucus for their timely articulate and stategic support. Also again to Rev. Archie Logan, Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer who made several trips to the Legislature on the Bill's behalf. Rev. Logan also made a moving presentation before Representative Milton Fitch's subcommittee. Thank God Almighty that today in North Carolina it is not legal to put to death any child under 17 years of age for capital crimes. How do you feel about the issue of capital punishment? If you had to vote would you choose DEATH OR LIFE for the children of our society? (More in coming issues).

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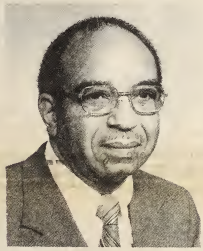
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Shaw University News



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The Children's & Youth Corner

By Rev. Paul Andrew Jackson
Associate Editor



Rev. Paul Andrew Jackson

We need your help

Please ask your children and youth to submit articles to this column.



Individual Responsibility

By Cassandra Farmer

In recent years we have seen our nation develop into a country where people blame others for the difficulties they face. The blacks blame the whites, the young blame the old, the rich blame the poor, and vice versa.

Few stop to take a long look at their responsibility. Romans 14:12 says, "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God."

There are seven fields that allow us to examine our responsibilities: our actions, our time, our words, our ways, our works, our money and our life as a whole.

Our Action

We cannot excuse ourselves when we go with the crowd in wrongdoing by saying, "Everybody does it."

"Everybody does it" is an expression I've heard said so many times by us as youth. The peer pressure exerted by someone going out every night getting high off crack or cocaine saying, "Man this is the stuff" can be difficult to resist. He or she may leave on his way home not knowing his head from his feet. The drug impairs an individual to the point that he loses coordination and perceptual skills resulting in the real possibility of imminent injury to one's self as well as others.

Believe it or not, some think it's cool to follow the actions of others but it is not. Death may not come instantly for those who use drugs, as I have said, but as you know, it is so harmful to your body; you're on your way to a slow death, anyhow. If you want to get high, why not try God. That's something I can guarantee that will work safely.

It's the same with sex. I see a lot of our smart young ladies and men becoming mommies and daddies before their time. It's strange that some girls think that if they get pregnant by a certain guy, they'll get to hold onto him. They also think it will give them some type of glory when the guy really doesn't care about them at all. Lord, help them because it doesn't give them anything but a bad reputation. It's true nobody is perfect but some things we do aren't excusable. God's solution is just say no! You will find that it is hard to say no sometimes, but if you really and truly have faith in God and let him take control, you can do it.

God weighs our actions and we will be punished or rewarded individually for these actions. Therefore, we all need to pray and ask God to strengthen us where we are weak so that we can become strong.

Our Works

Isaiah 66:18. "For I know their works and their thoughts." When we are at home, our parents expect us to have our chores done. It's the very same way with God. He expects us to do our work as missionaries while he is gone, but when he returns and our work is undone we will have to suffer the consequences. He is coming again. We don't know the day nor the hour so young people let's work. If someone offers you a job in the church, don't be so eager to say no, I can't do it. Remember with God's help all things are possible.

We have no time to stand idle while building up God's kingdom. Today is the day to work. Some people really think that they are hurting someone else when they don't live right. They are hurting themselves because they are missing out on their own blessings.

We are never too old or too young to go to work in God's service. We are all given 24 hours a day and we are responsible to have some time to make a living. It's nice to have some time for resting, but it's also rewarding to take some time to serve the Lord.

Our Words

Matthew 19:36. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Youth, we have our own groups of friends. Some of them have made the use of bad language such a habit that it has become a part of their speech. Remember the scripture says, "But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

No matter, what we say or do, remember someone is always watching. So let's be a Christ-like role model for our younger youth.

Our Ways

Psalms 119:168. "For all my ways are before thee." I'm sure we have all heard someone say, "Well that's just the way I am!" Is this an excuse for us as missionary youth to be unkind or rude? No, because we can all find a way to improve our attitudes. We buy all types of books on improving the body and mind. The only book we need on improvement is the Bible, God's Holy Word.

Psalms 1:6 tells us, "God knows our ways." This should inspire us to attempt to make them ways to be proud of.

Our Money

God only asks of us one-tenth. A tenth means not only money, but time. We owe him a tenth and haven't fulfilled it until we go beyond that. Let's remember, we should also serve God by attending all church activities, including Sunday school, missionary meetings and prayer service.

Those of us who don't have jobs probably receive weekly allowances; God asks us to give a tenth of that. If we work and earn a large salary then our tenth will be large. Youth always remember we are responsible for giving the Lord the tenth that he deserves.

Our Life

Romans 14:8. "Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." This poem expresses thoughts of the responsibilities of a person as a whole.

It's not the words you sing to me
Or the tune that's set there to,
It's the life I want to see
And to know the things you do.

It's not the range of voice you have
To warble high or low,
It's how you live the song you sing
That I would like to know.

It's not the gestures that you make
When to the throng you sing,
It is the man behind the song
That I would tribute bring.

For if the man who sings to me
Has failed to live his song
He fails to touch this heart of mine
Because his heart is wrong.

As we remember the different phases of life for which we are responsible, let us not forget in our prayers to ask God to let us be more conscious of our individual needs.

Cassandra Farmer, youth president, was the speaker for the District I of the women's auxiliary to the Ebenezer Baptist Association. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Gill.

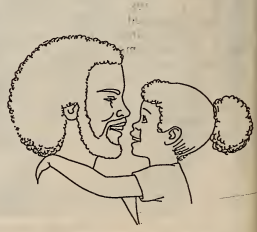
Cassandra is very active in school, church and community affairs. She is a member of Light Oak Baptist Church, pastor Rev. J.C. Browner.

Her interests include: youth secretary of Sunday school, president of youth choir, president of the youth missionary group, member of J.C. Browner Choir, youth first vice-president of Ebenezer Association and president of Cleveland County Missionary Union.

She is a rising junior at Crest Senior High School with an A average.



Cassandra Farmer



CHILDREN WANT TO KNOW JESUS

STATE MISSION

(Continued from page 1)

Tuesday — October 27th

7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Breakfast
President Charles Alston — Presiding
9:00 a.m. Laymen's Session — Mr. George Turner, First Vice President — Presiding
Devotion: Host Laymen
9:15 a.m. Theme Address
9:30 a.m. Music: The Laymen Male Chorus, Presentation of Local Presidents and Officers, Presentation of Pastors and Ministers
9:45 a.m. Committee Report
Offering
10:00 a.m. Presentation of the President: Mr. George Turner, First Vice President
Music
10:30 a.m. President's Annual Address: Dr. Charles C. Alston
11:00 a.m. Presentation of Speaker: Sermon: Dr. O.L. Hairston, Shiloh, Greensboro, NC
11:45 a.m. Remarks, Announcements
12:00 p.m. Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon — October 27th

NOON Registration

General Baptist Convention In Session
Dr. J.B. Humphrey — Presiding

1:30 p.m. Devotion: Song, Scripture, Prayer
1:40 p.m. Convention Call to Order
1:45 p.m. Theme Address: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Stewardship" — Rev. Jason A. Barr
2:00 p.m. Pastors' Seminar: "Administration, Stewardship and Evangelism" — Dr. Harold Carter, New Shiloh, Baltimore, Md.
3:00 p.m. Committee Reports:
Music: Mrs. Georgia Guest, Convention Soloist
3:45 p.m. Sermon: Rev. W.R. Burston
Offering, Announcements
4:30 p.m. Adjournment
6:00 p.m. Presidential Banquet (Bordeaux Convention Center)
Speaker: Dr. G. Fowler Graves, President, North Carolina Association of Educators
8:00 p.m. Worship: Union Baptist Association Concert Choir
Offering, Music: General Baptist Choir,
Sermon: Dr. Harold Carter
10:00 p.m. Evangelistic Services: Lewis Chapel Baptist Church

Wednesday Morning — October 28th
Dr. W.B. Lewis — Presiding

7:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Devotion: Song, Scripture, Prayer
Theme Address: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Personal Growth and Commitment" — Rev. Wendell Johnson
Welcome: Host Committee
Response: Dr. W. Prince Vaughn
10:00 a.m. Greetings: Dr. Luella Edwards, WBH&FM
Dr. Charles Alston, Laymen League, Mr. C.F. Griffin, Ushers, Mr. Cedric Jones, Sunday School/Baptist Training Union, Dr. W.C. Somerville, Lott Carey, Mr. Michael Alston, Dir. N.C. Children's Home
Offering for State Mission: Dr. S.A. Raper
11:00 a.m. Music
Annual Message, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President, General Baptist State Convention, Observations, Benediction
2:00 p.m. Theme Address: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Missions and Evangelism" — Rev. A.M. Williams
Music: Mrs. Georgia B. Guest
2:20 p.m. Reports: Executive Secretary-Treasurer, GBSC Others
Music: Dr. Wesley Grant, Convention Song Leader
3:15 p.m. Sermon: Dr. C.R. Mosley
4:15 p.m. Adjournment
7:00 p.m. Theme Address: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Higher Education and Theological Training" — Rev. C.B. Gray
7:15 p.m. Music: Shaw Chorale Society
Greetings: President of Shaw University
Offering for Shaw University
Music: Shaw Chorale Society
8:15 p.m. Sermon: Dr. O.B.J. Burson, Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY

Thursday Morning — October 29th
Lewis Chapel Baptist Church
5422 Raeford Road

9:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m. Theme Address: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Unity and Cooperation" — Rev. Sam Barber
Music: Mrs. Georgia B. Guest
9:30 a.m. Reports:
10:00 a.m. Shaw Divinity School Hour, Dr. Gregory Headen, Dean
Offering for Shaw Divinity School
Music
11:05 a.m. Sermon: Rev. Freeman Gause
11:45 a.m. Communion

30th Annual Report

Cooperative Ministries And Seminary Extension

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During this year our department celebrated 30 years of ministries. Even though black and white Baptists in North Carolina have been engaging in cooperative ministries for nearly 100 years, our office was officially established on April 1, 1957. These 30 years have included some exciting activities. In recent years we have expanded to include additional programs including seminary extension programs with the Shaw Divinity School, the Baptist State Convention, and prison inmates. Also, the department promotes statewide programs on bivocational ministries, coordinating volunteer ministries related to the criminal justice system, an inservice guidance program on college campuses, and assisting predominantly black Southern Baptist churches.

A summary of the activities for the past year include the following:

COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

Summer Youth Program

Appointed 37 black student summer workers to serve in 22 locations throughout the state. Youth Orientation Week was held for them at Meredith College, Raleigh. Sponsored 19 black teenagers who attended youth week at Caswell Baptist Assembly, Southport.

Student Aid Fund

Scholarships totaling $10,675 were provided to 25 black Baptist students preparing for church related vocations. Southeastern Baptist Seminary provided $3,200 in matching funds. The students attended five different institutions.

Cooperative Personnel

Conducted annual statewide General Baptist pastor's conference and a conference for new pastors. Directed program for Christian Education for churches and associations in General Baptist State Convention. Served as Dean of Continuing Education for the Shaw Divinity School. Conducted regional institutes and workshops for pastors and lay persons.

Annuity Program

Coordinated annuity program for General Baptist pastors with a current enrollment of 46.

SEMINARY EXTENSION

Baptist State Convention

Reached a total of 102 centers and branches and remained the largest statewide program in the United States for the thirteenth consecutive year. The two most popular courses this year were CD 0291 — CHURCH GROWTH and PM 0256 — CLINICAL PASTORAL TRAINING.

General Baptists

Established 64 courses in 26 centers which recorded 1,100 registrations. The total record as of August 1, 1987, now stands as follows:

Numer Enrolled	3,049
Number of registrations	9,130
Number of courses taught	455
Certificates of Merit	38
Diplomas	21

The department operates the Department of Seminary Extension for the Shaw Divinity School.

Prison Inmates

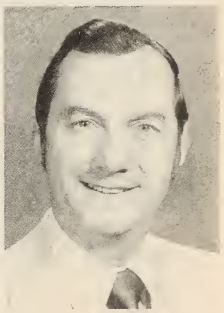
Provided over 400 courses for prison inmates bringing the total to over 2,300 courses since beginning the program in 1979. Presented seven diplomas in Pastoral Ministries bringing the total to 28 inmates having earned a diploma in Pastoral Ministries. One or more students have enrolled representing 30 of the 87 prison units in North Carolina.

BIVOCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Held the sixth annual retreat for bivocational ministers and spouses at Caraway with a record 103 in attendance. Sponsored 26 associational conferences with over 700 bivocational ministers and leaders in attendance.

CRIME RELATED MINISTRIES

Distributed information manual on **Baptist Involvement in the Criminal Justice System: Volunteer Ministries with the Offender and Those Affected by Crime.** Provided personnel for programs in churches and associations.



Dr. Corbin Cooper

IN-SERVICE GUIDANCE

Assisted Meredith College in an initial step toward establishing an in-service guidance program for students exploring careers in church related vocations. Began discussing with Wingate College concerning a similar program.

STAFF

Those associated with this department in addition to the director are: Cecilia S. Davis, office secretary; Leo Williams; J.Z. Alexander; Norman Band; and Wilburn Hendrix.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Providence Celebrates 102nd Anniversary



PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
Reverend Derioux Johnson, Pastor

The 102nd Anniversary of the Providence Baptist Church in Kernersville, North Carolina, and the 10th Anniversary of Pastor Derioux Johnson, was celebrated on Wednesday, August 12, through Sunday, August 16.

The church received a letter from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan congratulating the church on its anniversary. It also received congratulatory messages from Congressman Steve Neal, former pastors Dr. B.A. Mack and Rev. S.L. Fogle, The High Point Association, Sackie's Florist and Governor James G. Martin.

We are united in doing the will of God and following the teachings of the Bible.

Chairperson, Mrs. Dimple C. Wamen
Pastor, Derioux Johnson

News From The Coast

By Mrs. B.T. Moore,
Regional Editor



Rev. Lacy Simpson

This program was held at the First Baptist Church, 5th & Campbell Streets. Rev. Joseph Z. Windley is their outstanding pastor.

This program was unique in that the choir was made up (or consisted) of Youth from area Missionary Baptist Churches. The music was beautiful. Directors Mrs. Vivan Waddell and Lola Ellerby.

The Youth Missionary Dept. sponsored this program. Ms. Christina Sellers, President.

On the beautiful shores of Coastal Carolina in Wilmington, the public had the privilege of hearing Rev. Lacy Simpson of Selma. This dynamic young minister delivered an inspirational message on the subject "The 23rd Psalms."

EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, also of Coastal Carolina, served as host for the Ministers and Deacons Union of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association. Rev. Keith B. Wiley is pastor.

Noted speakers were: Dr. B.L. Rich, Moderator. Rev. Ivory E. Swan and Deacon Andrew Williams. Also Rev. Archie Logan of the General Baptist State Convention who gave inspiring as well as informative remarks. President — Rev. E.H. Stephenson of Reigelwood. Vice President — Rev. R.F. Peterson of Rose Hill.

Ebenezer Association Elects New Officers



The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association, in its annual session, elected new officers for the next four years. Dr. S.A. Raper, Moderator; Rev. B.D. Houze, First Vice-President; Rev. James L. Smith, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Jettie Mae Lucas, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Accor, Outstanding Secretary; Rev. W.A. Maddox, Treasurer; Rev. R.D. Abbott, Historian.



Dr. S.A. Raper, Moderator; Mrs. Fairlene Wilson, District Three; Mrs. Mary Degree, President Young Adult Department; Mrs. Doris Wallace, Director Young Adult Department; Mrs. Sharon Martin, President, Ministers' and Deacons' Wives; Mrs. Eva C. Abbott, District Two; Ronnie L. Byers, President Laymen's League Department; Larry Fuller, President Usher Board.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1987

10	Laymen's Study Commission District #7 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., (place to be announced)
25	CHRISTMAS DAY
31	NEW YEAR'S EVE
31	WATCH NIGHT

JANUARY 1988

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
8	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Banquet, Raleigh Inn, Hwy. 70W, Raleigh, N.C. 7 p.m.
9	Woman's State Convention Mid-Year Session, Civic Center, Raleigh, N.C.
18	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: HOLIDAY
18-22	National Baptist Mid-Year
18-22	Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year, New Orleans, LA

GBSC 120th Annual Session
A Historic Success
Baptists Raise Over $93,000

By Archie D. Logan Jr.,
Interim Editor





Dr. and Mrs. J.B. Humphrey and son Bradford at 1987 Annual Session in Fayetteville, N.C.

The 120th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the 38th Annual Session of the Laymen's League Convention met October 26-29 in Fayetteville. The Lewis Chapel Baptist Church and their pastor, the Rev. Dr. John D. Fuller, along with churches in the greater Fayetteville area served as our hosts. The Convention theme was: "THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK" John 4:34-35.

The Convention had a spiritual musical beginning Sunday evening, October 25, at the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, where Dr. C.R. Edwards serves as pastor. The participating musicians were Mrs. Alice Cade, former Director of Music for the GBSC; George Curry; Willie Harrington; Dr. Augustus Pearson; Mrs. LaGray Spencer; Mrs. Saralyn Thompson; Mrs. Hermena Williams; and Mrs. Ira Wolfe. Area churches made up the mass choir, they were: Beauty Spot Baptist Church; First Baptist, Fayetteville; First Baptist, Stedman; Flat Swamp Baptist; Friendship Baptist; Lewis Chapel Baptist; Mt. Calvary Baptist; Mt. Olive Baptist; Mt. Pisgah Baptist; Mt. Sinai Baptist; Oak Ridge Baptist; Rock Hill Baptist; Second New Light Baptist; and Spring Hill Baptist.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey stated in his remarks that this concert was one of the most outstanding that he had ever attended during a GBSC Session. He said, ". . . if this concert is any indication of how our Convention Session is going to be, then everything is going to be great . . . we definitely will have an outstanding session with such a spirit-filled Pre-Convention Musical." Dr. Humphrey commended Dr. Fuller, Convention host pastor and Dr. C.R. Edwards, (a GBSC past President), for their efforts in coordinating the musical. The musical was followed by a Presidental reception at the Headquarters Hotel.

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions, other leaders and members of the Baptist Family:

The recent 120th Session of the General Baptist State Convention and the 38th Annual Session of the Laymen League Convention is now history. History has recorded that it was one of the greatest sessions that we have had in recent years. The preaching and theme leaders were at their best. The pre-Convention Musical by the many choir members in the Fayetteville area was far beyond the ordinary musical.

The officers of the Convention join me in expressing deep appreciation to the host pastor, Dr. J.D. Fuller and the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church along with the pastors and churches of Fayetteville for hospitality at its best shown to the Convention and the Laymen League during the Annual Session of the Convention.

Finance

Many thanks to the pastors, moderators and members of the Baptist Family for their contributions amounting to more than $93,000 for the objectives and other causes. The more than $93,000 received at the annual session represented more money for the objectives that we have ever received in the past few years.

We are moving in the right direction. Our challenge is to continue to move forward in a progressive way in seeking to fulfill our commitments to the objectives and to erase the Convention's indebtedness.

Many thanks to many of our pastors and strong laymen who have made a personal contribution of $100 to be used for the payment of the loans at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

During this fiscal year of 1987-88, we urge each pastor and/or minister who has not responded to send a personal contribution of $100 or as much as you can give in order for us to meet the quarterly payments on our loans. We are challenging our churches in addition to our pastors to give for this effort.

Quotas

The quotas for the churches for the fiscal year will be sent to you within the next few weeks. If the quota sent to your church is too much or is not enough, we would like for you to let us know in order for us to make the necessary adjustments.

Monthly contributions

We urge all of our pastors to put forth a strong effort to send monthly contributions for the objectives; Shaw University and the Divinity School, State Missions, Foreign Missions and the Central Orphanage. In order to make ends meet in regard to staff salaries, the upkeep of the Baptist Headquarters, printing of the Baptist Informer, postage for mailing, telephone calls, purchasing of materials, other printing of programs, letter heads and envelopes, monthly contribution for State Missions as we seek to establish and maintain the credibility of our Baptist Headquarters.

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



Dr. C.C. Craig

Gratitude

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds" Psalm 9:1.

Everyone likes to be thanked when thanksgiving is due. Surely God, who has done so much for us during this year of 1987, appreciates it when we tell him that we know that all we have ultimately has come to us by his grace, generosity and love. Surely God wants us to have the humility to admit that without his goodness and kindness toward us life would not be worth living.

Job was admonished to "stop and consider the wondrous works of God" Job (37:14). Thanksgiving offers us an opportunity to ponder the mystery and majesty of God's wonderful creation — this earth which brings forth is plentious bounty to feed and clothe us, the birds and animals which make their contribution to our welfare and happiness, the flowers and trees which delight our eyes and cheer our spirits. Yes, thanksgiving is the time to consider the wondrous works of God.

Someone has said that we should not take life for granted but for gratitude. For it is our gratitude which is pleasing to God which keeps us in a right relationship with God, gratitude keeps us from being falsely proud and hard of heart. It keeps us from feeling self-sufficient and arrogant. It acknowledges our total dependency upon God. Gratitude makes us spiritually healthy and brings us even more blessings from our heavenly Father.

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



President's Reflections And Recommendations For 1988

(Editor's Note: These are the 1988 Recommendations from Dr. Humphrey's Annual Address. More excerpts from Address next month.)

1. In order to extend further the work of our Convention across the state, I recommend that we put in place the District System that has already been voted on by the Convention. This system calls for ten (10) persons across the state who will deal with the total program of our Convention. There is a budget item in our 1987-88 budget that will make it possible to put these persons to work as early as they are trained for the job.

2. We recommend that the Convention employ a Business Manager for the work of our Convention. This person will have the responsibility to deal with the business matters of our headquarters and any other business matters of the convention. The Personnel Committee is to work out the job description and relationship that will exist between the business manager, executive secretary and executive committee.

3. That we put forth a special effort to balance our Convention budget beginning 1987-88.

4. That a Special Committee be appointed to coordinate the Fund Raising process of those bodies or organizations who call upon the churches that make up our Convention for financial support, so that each will know what the other is doing. This committee will report to the president, the executive secretary, and the executive committee.

5. Even though many of our Convention churches are supporters of the NAACP individually, we recommend that our Convention make a yearly contribution to the North Carolina Chapter and/or to the National Body to show forth our organizational support.

6. I recommend that each church in our Convention, as a matter of its Christian responsibility, put forth a special effort to have or lead its members to Tithe. If 400,000 Baptist would average $10 a year that would equal four (4) million dollars per year. That each Association will give at least a Tithe of its organizational budget.

7. I recommend that the Convention will continue its support of all of our objectives with finance and moral support. Especially, do we call for the support of Shaw University in its 40 million dollar drive and the Shaw Divinity School that is seeking full accreditation.

8. I recommend that we, the Parent Body and its Auxiliaries, will make full use of the J.J. Johnson Assembly in the execution of our Convention programs.

9. I recommend that each of our Convention churches put forth a special effort to make Evangelism a 365 day affair, by leading each member to become an evangelist. If each of our 400,000 members could or would lead one person to Christ and thereby joining the church would give the Convention a gain of 400,000 members giving us a total membership of 800,000 (the fields are already white for harvest).

10. That a month out of the year be designated for each of our objectives and other Convention programs for the purpose of finance and information about our objectives:

State Mission Month
Foreign Mission Month
Shaw University Month
Shaw Divinity School Month
J.J. Johnson Assembly Month
Convention Foundation Month
The Baptist Informer Month

11. That the Convention's officers and leaders of all auxiliaries will meet for a workshop in the month of December 1987. The time and place will be announced.

12. That the office staff conduct or have conducted at least two (2) workshops during the year for their own growth and development.

13. That the Evangelistic Committee will put forth plans to hold one (1) Statewide Evangelistic Conference and four (4) mini or regional conferences in four sections of the state during the year 1988. Example: Greenville, Durham, Charlotte, Lumberton

14. In the light of the fact that housing for Senior Citizens might not be a problem now, it can well be in the not to distant future. Therefore, I recommend that the Committee on Housing will give its attention to the possibility of the erection of housing for our Senior Citizens when that time comes.

15. I recommend that all of the Auxiliaries will join with the Parent Body in supporting the All-Baptist Assembly to be held in Winston-Salem on July 24-28, 1988.

16. In the light of the fact that our Health Program sponsored by the Convention but underwritten for the most part by gifts and grants, and because this is the last year that these grants will be forthcoming unless reinstated, I recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to offer recommendations as to what happens to this program if these grants are not forthcoming. This committee will be appointed by the President.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

"For All The Blessings Of The Year"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

"O give thanks unto the Lord." God is very glorious to us and we give thanks in season and out of season. Yet during this month do we place emphasis on the setting side of a particular day, Thanksgiving? This day brings to memory many a thing for which to be thankful, our known and unknown blessings. Among some of our known blessings for which we uplift our thanks are salvation, health, life, job, family, friends, and...At this point can all of us add other blessings as we recall or realize them.

Our Convention has the spirit of gratefulness to God through Jesus Christ and to all of you who share in one or many ways in the unfinished task which God has assigned our hands as the Woman's Convention.

Somehow it does seem that the spirit of special gratitude is even a great blessing in itself to us; that is, to be grateful opens the way to more and greater blessings. Thus may we forever remember Paul's Godly advice to be thankful in whatever situation we may find ourselves, believing that all things work together for good to them that love God.

The staff joins me in wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

For All The Blessings of the Year

For all the blessings of the year,
For all the friends we hold so dear
For peace on earth, both far and near,
We thank thee Lord.

For life and health, those common things,
Which every day and hour brings,
For home, where our affection clings,
We thank Thee, Lord.

For love of Thine which never tires,
Which all our better thought inspires
And warms our lives with heav'nly fires,
We thank Thee, Lord.

— Robert N. Quaile

Reaching Out And Touching

By President Luella Edwards

As president I have been privileged to attend several metings out of the state representing the Woman's Baptist State Convention. In all these meetings, our convention was reaching out and touching members of other organized missionary groups who have similar interests.

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S . . . ENTER!"

This was the theme of the North American Baptist Women's Union that met in Niagara Falls, New York/ Canada in October. This conference meets every five years.

The diversity of experiences, ethnic backgrounds, ecclesiastical heritage, and international cultures represented in this group of NABWU proved to be a rich and rewarding experience. This experience was enjoyed by Mrs. Wilma Bryant and Dr. J.B. McLester who accompanied the president.

The speakers were very informative and inspirational. The music, drama, video fellowship and the breaking of bread together were so warm we forgot the change in the weather which was quite chilly for us as Southerners.

NABWU is a separate and distinct outreach fellowship affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance. There are 19 women's organizations in the Union. Stated Purposes are: to promote fellowship, deeper sympathy and fuller understanding among Baptist women of North America; to exchange information concerning activities/methods of work and to promote and participate in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer which is its main source of income.

The Woman's Baptist State Convention is affiliated through the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Other affiliates are: The Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; The Women's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention of America, and the Women's Department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Among the four elected officers, Dr. Aurelia Downey (our 1987 Banquet speaker) was elected treasurer. Among the five members at-large who serve on the Administrative Committee were Mrs. Bessie Mason of the Lott Carey and a representative from each the Progressive and the National Baptist of America.

We were challenged with these words: "I Dare you. I double dare you to let God use you in His service, because He will make a difference."

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S . . . ENTER!"

The Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

North Carolina women were very supportive of our new president, Mrs. Virginia Turner of Brooklyn, New York, who was elevated from First Vice President after the death of President Mary Meyers of Columbus, Ohio.

President Turner is a bold witness for Christ and presided with ease. Our theme was "Missions: Love in Action" based on John 17:26.

The report on foreign missions was encouraging in spite of the unrest in some of the troubled countries. The foreign representative who spoke to us was from Kenya who enlightened us on the need for continuous help in his country. This is one of our mission stations.

Dr. Brodie and I were presented a plaque by Dr. Sommerville as representatives of your gifts that put us above the $5,000.00 contributors titled "Women approaching Philippi."

North Carolina was well represented from all over the state and many are active in leadership roles. Your president was elected Second Vice President.

Thank you so much for your support of this worthy objective.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA., INCORPORATED, held in Houston, Texas with Dr. Mary O. Ross, president was quite an experience. This was Dr. Ross's twenty-fifth year as president of the Women's Auxiliary, and she is still doing a wonderful job. The mass attendance did not deter the spirit. The speakers, teachers, preachers, musicians, and worship leaders were at their best in inspiring us to reach out and touch others with our resources, our prayers and our love.

We meditated on the theme: "Christian Women Concerned and Committted to Christ's Commandment."

Special guests not programmed were Rev. Jesse Jackson, Democratic candidate for U.S. President, and Esther Rolles, "Florida" of "Good Times." (TV).

Members of our Executive Board in attendance were Mesdames J.B. McLester, Berthenia D. Horne, Helen Falls, Clara Ballentine, Eva Pratt, and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie. Also there were other North Carolina women in attendance.

It was a great session.

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Our Theme:

"The Unfinished Task Of The Christian Family"

By Ms. Augusta White

Young Adults and Seniors, Youths were in attendance for the Eighth Annual Family Missions Conference of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. The Conference was held at the Mount Zion Baptist in Winston-Salem, Dr. S.T. Churn, Pastor. The theme for the conference was: "The Unfinished Task of the Christian Family." Devotion was led by President Edwards, Reverend Hanna, Ms. Tonza Foote, and Mrs. Helen Falls.

Mrs. Falls, using the theme blended the scripture with the words: What is the task of Mission? The answer is found in the Great Commission — Matthew 19:20. Go ye therefore — Christ was talking to his disciples. That same Commission is given to us today as we seek to work on the "Unfinished Task of the Christian Family."

Following the devotional period, President Edwards greeted the group and expressed appreciation for seeing the number of persons who traveled from many corners in North Carolina for the Family Missions Conference.

Dr. Brodie expressed thanks to all of the Pastors and Members of the Woman's Convention for all the prayers, interests, and support given in helping the Convention meet its spiritual and financial goals. Information was given for the Youth Evangelism Conference and the Mid-Year Session.

Dr. Brodie also gave directions for the workshop sessions:

1. "Facing the Threats to the Christian Family" was discussed by Dr. James Z. Alexander in the senior's session. They explored the subject with the Scripture, Luke 12:49-53 and Mark 3:31-35. There are many threats occurring today to upset the Christian Famililes, but they can be dealt with through prayer and working together to combat the evil forces.

3. "Facing The Challenge of Child Rearing" was led by Dr. Gregory Headen in the Young Adults' Session. Scripture references: St. Luke, 15th chapter, Genesis, 26th chapter. Good Family relationships are the answers to an end; have close contact with family members. Jesus Christ is the Answer to good family relationships.

3. "Helping Youth to Understand Their Parents" was explored by Mrs. Mildred Peppers and the youth, 11-20 years of age. Rules for dating were discussed and "I am Somebody" — Scriptures: Genesis 2:23, 4:4; open communication with parents can help family members understand each other.

4. "Helping Youth To Understand Their Parents" (youth 1-10 years) was taught by Mrs. Eva Johnson. The following things done by the parents daily will contribute to an understanding: (1) Walking with Jesus daily, (2) Obeying the Lord's will, (3) Responsiveness, (4) Honesty, (5) Sharing work, Recreation and Worship. Contributing factors that keep youth from understanding their parents are: (1) Negative attitudes, (2) The blind parents — misunderstanding of youth's needs blinds them beyond the helping point, (3) Self-centered parents, (4) Danger Zone hinderance — the latch key kid, the rejected child, the youth who lacks self esteem. (5) No disciplining, (6) Self-defeating patterns of behavior.

Reverend Clarence Johnson, Pastor, Elm Grove, Reidsville, gave the Family Dedicatory prayer.

President Edwards presented Dr. Gregory Headen, pastor, First Baptist, New Hill, for the message. Subject — "Dying of Spiritual Aids," Jeremiah 2:13. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." "There is a devastating disease, aids, that has no cure — physical aids. We are dying of "Spiritual Aids." It is event in homes, polities, Churches, and schools. Something is wrong with our living. The words of the Scripture (Jeremiah 2:13) are on target. We seem to be taking God out of everything, Home, Church, Schools.

"The disease that affects us all is an **Acquired Disease "Spiritual Aids"** acquired by sleeping with other gods; an immune deficiency — a deficiency in the moral constitution so deep that married men cannot admit marriage. No drug can cure it. An immune deficiency — a break down in the moral constitution.

"The enemy is not flesh and blood but power and principalities, spiritual rulers. It's bad theology, ideology, and philosophy. The disease can be spread if you are a weak father or mother. The disease can devour you. The starting place for the disease is the pulpit. If the pastor is weak and afraid to preach the gospel, it will spread like "wild fire." The good news is that "Spiritual Aids" can be cured no matter how far out of touch or regardless of the resources because there is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's vein. There is a Balm in Gilead. There is hope because Jesus still lives. Give up the broken cistern, go back to the living fountain, the family ordained of God. The enemy does not want us to be happy. There is a Savior who is the center of good Family Life. The cure is Jesus Christ."

Newly elected presidents were presented to the Conference: Rhonda Reynolds, president of the Youth Department, from Mount Sinai Baptist Church of Eden; Ms. Genetta Patton, president of the Young Adult Department.

Closing remarks were by President Edwards.

Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation News

By Ms. Gladys Robinson, Director Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation

Sickle cell disease is a common heredity blood disorder. Worldwide in distribution, it affects primarily persons from the Mediterranean area. It is estimated that in the U.S. alone some 50,000 blacks have the severe form, sickle cell anemia.

As early as 1910, J.B. Herrick noted peculiarly shaped cells in the peripheral blood of a black West Indian student. However, the molecular era for the study of sickle cell disease did not begin until the identification of hemoglobin S as a molecular abnormality by Linus Pauling in 1949.

Sickle cell anemia is an inherited red blood cell disorder resulting from the inheritance of two hemoglobin S producing genes. Sickle cell anemia is a serious disease, characterized by chronic anemia, recurrent attacks of pain, frequent bacterial infections, and gradual deterioration of tissue and organ function. The inheritance of an A gene and a S gene results in sickle cell trait, which generally produces no symptoms. The person with sickle cell trait does not usually experience "crisis" or is not sick because of the hemoglobin A present in his cells. The person with sickle cell trait has no anemia and looks and feels well. Sickle cell trait refers to the carrier state and it is important from a genetic standpoint. If two persons with sickle cell trait mate, there is a 25% chance of having a child with sickle cell anemia. One in twelve Black Americans are carriers.

Sickle cell anemia is found in high frequency among many different peoples. It is most common in persons of African descent and Black Americans but also occur in Arabs, Egyptians, Turks, Greeks, Italians, Iranians and Asiatic Indians.

Persons with sickle cell disease experience a loss of oxygen in the red blood cells causing the cells which contain hemoglobin to become deformed, rigid and sickle-shaped. When these cells pile against each other, blood flow to an organ or to a region may be slowed. During this time, the patient may experience pain, swelling and fever. Other symptoms include fatigue, jaundice, which is usually obvious in the whites of the eye, paleness and rapid heart beat. A crisis can occur at anytime and may last for hours, days or weeks. Crisis may be precipitated by infection, fever, dehydration, hypoxia, acidosos and cold. Fluid therapy is the most important therapeutic step at the time of crisis.

Hospitalization may be required to enhance hydration and adminster medicine for pain. Persons with sickle cell anemia are always anemic due to the shortened life span of the red blood cells. Often, blood transfusions have to be administered because of a rapid drop in the hemoglobin.

Sickle cell disease differs in severity and frequency. The clinical manifestations also differ according to age. The symptoms for babies often include: hand-foot syndrome, fever, pneumonia, pneumococcal meningitis, sequestration (pooling of red blood cells in the spleen), etc. Children may have stroke, enlargement of spleen, increased heart size, delayed puberty, tiredness, jaundice and some of the same clinical manifestations as babies. Adults are prone to lung disease, kidney failure, gall stones, leg ulcers, autosplenectomy, (destroyed shrunken spleen), destruction of hip joint, etc. It is important to note that all patients with sickle cell disease do not necessarily have all of these signs and symptoms. Some patients may be completely free of serious illness.

There is no cure for sickle cell disease at present but extensive research is being done throughout the universe. Major preventive efforts in sickle cell disease have included genetic education, screening and counseling, development of anti-sickling agents, bone marrow transplants and research to maintain the fetal pattern of hemoglobin.

Intensive genetic counseling of the population at risk is an ongoing process and plays a viable part in the treatment of sickle cell disease. Also, screening of family members is encouraged. Although newborn screening is not a preventative measure, it will allow physicians and parents the opportunity to immediately begin treatment for the diseased child.



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Sermon of the Month

Will The Black Race Die Of "AIDS?"

By Gregory T. Headen,
Interim President
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A devastating physical disease is plaguing our nation: "AIDS," an abbreviation for "Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome." When the disease received national attention a few years ago, it was associated with the homosexual community. Now we know that there are other ways of contracting and spreading the disease. Intravenous drug users who share needles run a high risk of being infected with aids; e.g., among the poor who are often of the minority race, this is common. It can be spread through blood transfusions. Wives are infected through sexual relations with husbands who have the disease, and AIDS has been discovered in newly born children. Who knows that we will not discover that there are many other ways that this disease can be spread?

The disease is doubly devastating in that it attacks the immune system. The role of the immune system is assumed in most medical treatments. Drugs are designed to work in cooperation with the natural healing processes of the body; but when the system that fights disease and infections is destroyed, what's left?

The black community should be especially concerned because the facts are that of all those infected with the disease, minorities show the highest percentages. The disease is devastating and terrible, but physical AIDS is a light thing compared to SPIRITUAL AIDS. I submit that physical AIDS is only symptomatic of a deeper and more abiding immune deficiency, and that is the immune deficiency that we have acquired in the very center of our lives. It is true of our society in general, but I am especially concerned with the black community at this time. Will this acquired immune deficiency in the soul destroy us? Will Blacks as a people die of SPIRITUAL AIDS?

In a real sense, we are special by reason of our history. We are not special in the sense that God is a respecter of persons, but we are special in that we are the only people on American soil who came here in chains. We were once slaves in a strange land. We are children of an exodus experience. We indeed know oppression, discrimination, and what it means to be the victims of "man's inhumanity to man." We survived it all by exercising a living faith in a living God who created heaven and earth. We built churches, businesses and institutions against the odds because we had faith. We acquired land to the tune of 20,000,000 acres by the year 1900, and lost all but 6,500,000 acres in seventy-five years. We raised large families and kept them together by the grace of God, but now it is predicted that by the year 2000, 71% of our homes will have no fathers in them.

So many of us have acquired an immune deficiency at the very heart of our being, and we lack the power of resistance to fight off the demonic sicknesses of the world that would destroy our minds, bodies, families and race. It is some accident that we are on American soil? Are we not in a real way God's gift to America? Have we not been the conscience of the land? Have we not been the ones to challenge this nation to decide if the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence mean anything? Are not we here for the redemption of this land? From whence comes this terrible and devastating disease that I am calling SPIRITUAL AIDS? Where along the way did so many of us lose our ability to fight?

THE TEXT:

There are some words that come roaring down the corridor of time from the mouth of the "weeping prophet" which are applicable to our time and situation. Jeremiah declares them to Jerusalem and Judah in this manner:

For my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns,
that can hold no water. (Jer. 2:30, RSV)

EXEGESIS

The book of Jeremiah consists essentially of a collection of oracles against Judah and Jerusalem. This prophet's name, "Jeremiah," literally means "the Lord (Yahweh) exhalts." His ministry began in 627 B.C. and ended sometime after 580 B.C. Jeremiah prophesied during the reign of such kings as Josiah, son of Amon, King of Judah; Jehoiakim, son of Josiah, King of Judah; and Zedekiah, son of Josiah, King of Judah.

Jeremiah is concerned with rewards and punishments. Judah has turned from the worship of God and gone after other gods. He knows that God's judgment will come upon Judah, but holds out hope for a more genuine relationship between Judah and God in the future.

Our passage is concerned with the disgraceful action of Judah in turning away from its God. In the three verses that precede, God calls upon the heavenly assembly to compare the unprecedented folly of Judah with the other nations. In the West (Cyprus) and the East (Kedar), there is nothing to compare with what Judah has done. She has forsaken the "fountain of living waters" for the stagnant water at the bottom of a leaky "cistern." Israel, the Northern Kingdom, has already become a slave of Assyria (2:14-15). Now Judah is depending on Egypt (2:18). She no longer has the fear of God (2:19). She has turned degenerate (2:21). The people, their kings, their princes, their priests and their prophets worship animate objects and have turned their backs on God (2:26-27). The lifeblood of the guiltless poor is to be found on Judah's skirt because they were falsely accused (2:34). All this happens when a people forsake the fountain of living waters. The broken cisterns (store places for water) are the other nations on whom Judah was relying for help and safety and perhaps for the other gods. But these can hold no water.

APPLICATION:

Jerusalem and Judah were dying of SPIRITUAL AIDS. They had acquired an immune deficiency at the very heart. They had not the inner strength to resist the evil that destroyed them. America suffers from the same deficiency, but it is time for us to stop living under the illusion that America is a Christian nation. She is not. Black people in America may be its last hope. We have, and had before being brought to this country, the religious concept of a high God who created heaven and earth. It hurts to see us lose it. It hurts to see us so wrapped up in the thirst of materialism and thirst for power that we lose sight of the profound mission we have as a people.

Let me make a few points regarding this disease called SPIRITUAL AIDS:

1. It is an acquired deficiency. Nobody imposed it on us. We acquired it through our own willful act of turning away from God. We are choosing to forsake God, and this weakness and helplessness in the spirit and at the center of our being is the result of our forsaking God. We cannot blame God for this deficiency.

2. It is an immune deficiency. This disease destroys the soul, the conscience, the moral and spiritual constitution. The soul is not something that is in a stagnant state. The soul is something we have to win and develop. The soul has to be nurtured just as the body does. If not nurtured properly, it will be sick and even die. It will not have the power to say no to Satan's wiles. It will not be able to resist the Devil or his temptations. This weakness starts at the pulpit. Preachers are afraid to stand flat-footed and call right "right" and wrong "wrong." Churches are culture-enslaved and powerless. Wrong does not look so wrong anymore because our moral immune system is breaking down.

3. The enemy that is attacking us is not flesh and blood. The enemy that breaks up our families and destroys our institutions, that makes us destroy our bodies and minds, is not flesh and blood. We are wrestling against something much more powerful. Our struggle is against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. The evidence is all around us in our schools, communities and churches. We cannot blame it all on America. We black people are too hard on each other. We are sick at the heart. We are hungry for power and prestige. We argue in meetings and sit on boards for all the wrong reasons. In many ways, we are our biggest problem. We are dying of SPIRITUAL AIDS with suits and ties on. No external band-aid is a cure for this sickness of the heart.

4. **There is a cure.** The good news is that, unlike physical AIDS as yet, there is a cure for SPIRITUAL AIDS. Jesus Christ is still the fountain of living waters. Our other cisterns are indeed broken and can hold no water. There is a tremendous need among us for repentence and reconciliation to teach other.

Thank God that there is a cure! God invited Israel in the eighth century before Christ to come and reason together (Is. 1:18). "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." We have no hope outside of God. Whatever else we have created that is not designed to glorify him and carry out his mission is a broken cistern.

We might expect white America to create a class society where one class is alienated from another based on socio-economic standing, but not black people who have been the victims of such classism. Yet, we are doing it. One might expect the white middle-class to move away from blacks in terms of where they live, but who would expect blacks to move away from blacks. God's will includes for us some solidarity with each other. Judah was guilty of having the lifeblood of the poor on her skirt. If we have no solidarity with the poor, we are not God's children.

Let's stop believing the lie that America told us. That is that if we can make enough money and possess the finer things of life, we will be happy. The trend in America is to get God out of everything. We would do well to understand that there is no true happiness and peace outside God. This cure is also reflected in Jeremiah's own words:

Return, O faithless children,
says the Lord,
for I am your master;
I will take you, one from a
city and two from a family,
and I will bring you to Zion.
(Jer. 3:14 RSV)

Thank God there is a cure for this Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome of the soul. All we have to do is return to God. Thank God there is a cure! "There is a fountain, filled with blood, drawned from Emmanuel's veins. And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." Hallelujah!

Shaw Divinity School — NEWS

[Editor's Note: Dr. Gregory T. Header, former Academic Dean at Shaw Divinity School, has been named President, Special Exclusive Story in next month's "Informer."]

Shaw Divinity School:

The President Speaks

The words of the abolitionist, Frederick Douglas, are apropos at this moment in Shaw Divinity School's history: "where there is no struggle, there is no progress." The struggle to keep Shaw Divinity School's doors open continues, and so does progress and good work. We must not expect a time when progress will be ours without struggle, but the nature of the struggle changes. We seek to move beyond the struggle for survival and accept the struggle that comes with growth and expansion.

God has brought the Shaw Divinity School to a very pregnant moment in its history. This moment is pregnant with opportunity and danger. It is analogous to a woman with birth pangs travailing to bring forth a new life and to give the life its individuality. It is an opportune moment and a dangerous moment. The mother comes close to death before the child is born. The child could be still born. But without such moment, new life cannot come.

The stage is set for Shaw Divinity School. The personalities are in the right places. The new campus is available. The students are coming. The child is truly coming of age. God has made all of this possible for His redemptive purpose. The earth is His and all of its fullness. We are his instruments for service.

I am pleased to step forth at this critical moment and offer myself as a servant. I have been greatly humbled by the recent action of the Executive Committee of our Board of Trustees to appoint me Interim President of Shaw Divinity School subject to the ratification of the full Board at its Semi-Annual meeting in November. This action is unprecedented. This is the first time that the Shaw Divinity School has had a President separate and apart from the President of Shaw University.

There does come a time when the truth must be told and actions taken to back up the truth. The truth is that Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University are not one and the same. This misconception in the minds of our constituents must be removed. Shaw University decided in 1968 that it was not in its best interest, with respect to its accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), to keep Shaw Divinity School as an integral part of the University. We are separate because the University made us separate. We have a separate Administration, a separate budget and a separate system of accounting. We are two separate schools under separate charters.

Shaw Divinity School is challenged more than ever before to clear up the ambiguity about its identity. It is challenged to stand on its own and chart its future. Its mission is a high calling — that is — to equip persons for Christian ministry. This is more crucial now than ever.

If we have any future at all, that future is in God. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope for our world. The call to ministry is indeed a call to preparation. It is only reasonable that the largest black Baptist state convention in the country would have a place for training that embodies its values and hopes. The consciousness level of our people, at least intellectually, is being raised in almost every area of life. The pew is not the same as twenty years ago. The preacher is challenged to say something substantive and true, to speak prophetically and priestly to the pressing issues of life.

Shaw Divinity School seeks to be that training ground for the General Baptist State Convention and other bodies who would send students to study. Full accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools (**ATS**) is obtainable. The theme of this convention, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task," is so appropriate for the divinity school at this time. So much remains to be done. Let me share just a few areas:

1. The task is unfinished with respect to our **FACULTY.** We need at least two additional fulltime professors in the areas of Church History and Old Testament.

2. The task is unfinished with respect to our **LIBRARY.** We need at least 19,000 more volumes in our library processed before we can invite **ATS** to look at us again. We need a fulltime Librarian to organize and manage our library and at least one staff person for the Librarian.

3. Our task is unfinished with respect to **RECRUITMENT.** There are many other ministers and lay persons who need and want to better themselves. We must meet them and encourage them to enroll in SDS.

4. Our task is unfinished with respect to **STUDENT AID.** We firmly believe that no student should be turned away because he/she has no funds. We need a healthy fund for grants and scholarships.

5. The task is unfinished in regard to **ENDOWMENT.** We need to invest large amounts of money that will produce interest as ongoing income for the school.

6. Our task is unfinished with respect to **FACILITIES.** We need nice classrooms for our students and space for our books. Students need more space to study and to do research. Faculty and staff need offices. It makes no sense to renovate Meserve Hall and have no more space than now and no ownership of the property. We need to buy and own our own facilities.

All of the above are ongoing concerns. We do not expect to come to a point when we can say "it is finished." Faculty and library must be ever developing. We must always recruit. Funds for student aid must continue to be generated. The endowment needs to grow consistently, and facilities must be maintained. All must be done with the student in mind. The greatest case that can be made for Shaw Divinity School's right to exist is the product she produces. If the product is of no value to the world, we ought to close our doors. Our alumni testify to the fact that SDS has earned the right to exist.

A word of appreciation must be said to the General Baptist State Convention and its auxiliaries for all the support you have given the Shaw Divinity School down through the years. On behalf of the student body, the faculty, the administration, staff and Trustees, I want to express gratitude for your support. We urge you to continue supporting us and to increase your support for Shaw Divinity School.

A Special Appeal

Every new President of an institution deserves a fighting chance. I am personally asking you to give me that chance. I began this tenure with some real problems financially. Let me share them with you.

1. It is time that the audit was completed, and yet we still owe more than $12,000 for the last audit and some consultation services. Help me clear this up.

2. Bills amounting to more than $18,000 were past due when I came to this office. We have reduced it to $15,000. Help me pay these bills soon in order to protect our credibility.

3. We are short of what we need this month (October) to meet payroll by $13,000. Help me pay my staff this month.

4. God wants us to have the new campus that is available to us. While God has made a way for us to get the campus, we need $100,000 within the next four months for several reasons (moving costs, maintaining operations as we launch a major fundraising campaign).

Some have asked: "Can we afford to do all these things?" I ask: "Can we afford not to do all these things?" We must do all these things. We have no choice but to vouchsafe a strong school of theology to our prodigy. We owe it to God, to ourselves, to our prodigy. Please join with us as we move forward in this great venture. If our churches do not have well equipped leaders in these times and the days to come, then we are in serious trouble. Shaw Divinity School can make this contribution with your help.

Dr. Gregory T. Headen
Interim President



Dr. Gregory T. Header, President Shaw Divinity School

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EDITORIAL

Helms Fuels Man-Made Famine in Mozambique

If N.C. Senator Jesse Helms has his way in Congress this fall, our tax dollars will be channeled to guerrilla forces in the African nation of Mozambique. The funds would increase the guierrillas' ability to wage war and fuel a man-made famine that's killing thousands of people.

The war against Mozambique's government is conducted by the Mozambique National Resistance, also known by its Portuguese name, Resistencia Nacional Mocambicana (RENAMO). This anti-government insurgency group is supported and largely directed by South Africa. They have destroyed much of Mozambique's economic infrastructure, terrorized and killed thousands of civilians, and made large regions of the country ungovernable and uninhabitable.

RENAMO guerrillas commonly cut breasts off of women and lips from children. They steal food, rape women, burn crops and houses, and bomb schools. "People are so afraid of the attacks that they leave their homes each night and take their children to sleep in the bush where the mosquitos (which spread malaria) torment them," a U.S. church representative has reported. A 1987 UNICEF report, "Children on the Front Line," estimates that infant and child mortality rates in Mozambique are the highest in the world, due largely to RENAMO's war of destabilization. And personal testimonies attest to the horrors of the war. A peasant woman described a RENAMO attack saying, "They hit us many times, stood us up with our hands tied behind our backs. They cut off our ears . . . shoved us on our way and disappeared with two of our children." Such attacks have driven almost half a million Mozambicans into neighboring countries as refugees. About 1.8 million people have been displaced within the country and 4.5 million citizens out of a population of 14 million face starvation.

While the Reagan Administration, our European allies and private relief groups have made commitments to support the Mozambican government, Sen. Helms is pressuring President Reagan to veto any policy seeking closer ties with Mozambique. While communist influence in that country is a major Helms concern, Washington recognizes that Mozambique has become a more open society and views of RENAMO as a very poor political alternative. The U.S. State Department refuses to recognize RENAMO as "freedom fighters," preferring to call them "bandits" who have no political platform. They say RENAMO is not an indigenous movement and is irresponsible. According to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester A. Crocker, there is "credible" evidence that South Africa is still a reliable supporter of high-priority military supplies to RENAMO and that recognition of RENAMO would imply U.S. endorsement of South Africa's "destabilization efforts toward its black neighbors."

Sen. Helms also uses "religious repression" as a reason to back RENAMO. But according to leaders of ten Protestant denominations in Mozambique, the Roman Catholic Archbishop and the Iman of one of the largest mosques in the country, the Mozambican government, over the last two years, has developed more cooperative relations with religious communities. Even U.S. evangelist Jimmy Swaggart operates there.

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

In 1983, Mozambique vowed to move in a new direction — toward improved human rights and a more open society. Its emphasis on state farms and large government projects shifted to private sector initiatives and support for peasant and private farmers. It took western economic advice by joining the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in 1984, and agreed to reschedule large external debt payments. To a large extent, this young nation, which gained its independence from Portugal in 1975, is trying to find out what works in an environment strained by East-West and South African tensions.

Unfortunately, Sen. Helms is not concerned about the people of Mozambique. As a strong supporter of apartheid, he wants the black-ruled nations in southern Africa dependent upon South Africa, and he is unlikely to change his mind. But other members of North Carolina's congressional delegation should not make the same mistake. They need to know that North Carolinians dislike Sen. Helms' plans for Mozambique, plans which undergird RENAMO and apartheid, not democracy and freedom in Mozambique.

Mozambique needs the best that the world has to offer in the way of relief, recovery and development aid. Coupled with Mozambican's own unique genius and hard work, this land of war and man-made famine can be converted into a land of plenty. For this to occur, "The United States must first use its influence to get South Africa out of Mozambique," said a Catholic sister I met this year while traveling in Ziambabwe. "This is even more important than food aid."

The name Mozambique means "brightness has come." For its name to become a reality, U.S. citizens must condemn RENAMO and South African apartheid, insist on an end to the war, and join our European allies in supporting the emergency and development needs of the Mozambican people.

Cureton L. Johnson, former editor of **The Baptist Informer**, *visited countries in eastern and southern Africa last spring. He now serves as Outreach Director at Bread for the World, the U.S. Christian citizens' movement on hunger and poverty issues. To join, call 1-800-82-BREAD, toll free.*

Baptists Take Position On AIDS

By Leroy Fitts

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (BWA) — In an earlier meeting of the Executive Board, Dr. W.C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.A., had expressed support for a more Christian and humane attitude toward victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), (non-homosexually related) now rampant in West Africa.

Hence, Dr. Somerville suggested that the 90th Annual Session of the convention should develop a support program for victims of the virus.

At that session in September in Philadelphia, Pa., the convention formally took up the issue of AIDS.

Dr. William King, M.D., associate professor of family practice at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, delivered an address and conducted a workshop from the Christian and medical points of view on AIDS for the Youth D[illegible]artment.

[illegible]King related the human im[illegible]system to God's creative activ[illegible]ggesting that AIDS totally destroys this system. He also noted that Africa has a high percentage of heterosexual victims of AIDS resulting from their high exposure to infectious diseases.

Black Baptists donated a significant sum of money to begin a financial support program for West African families affected by the spread of AIDS.

Similarly, church leaders throughout America were challenged to participate in the expanding support program for Africa.

The mission work of the Lott Carey Convention, a Baptist World Alliance affiliate, is supported by Baptists in at least three different American conventions.

(Dr. Fitts, editor of the **Lott Carey Herald**, *is author of* **A History of Black Baptists**.*)*

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More Convention Coverage Next Month

On Monday, October 26, the Laymen's League began its Annual Session. The session was called to order by Dr. Charles C. Alston. The League Session was highlighted with sermons by Rev. Keith Wiley, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington; Rev. Theodore Breeden, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, Proctorville, and Superintendent of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; and Dr. Otis Hairston, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro (Dr. Hairston also serves as Historical Editor for the **Baptist Informer**). President Alston gave a dynamic Annual Address, Tuesday morning, October 27.

Tuesday afternoon Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Pastor, First Baptist Church West, Charlotte, opened the 120th Annual Session of the GBSC. Dr. Humphrey gave an uplifting and moving opening to the historic session. Following a Memorial Service, the Rev. Jason Barr, Pastor, New Zion, Spindale, and Moderator of the Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Association, gave a theme address "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Stewardship." Moderator Barr encouraged General Baptist to initiate Tithing Programs in their local churches. Barr also indicated that STEWARDSHIP was more than just giving tithes and offerings. He stated that there we must learn to give our time, talents and bodies to the work and ministry of Jesus Christ. Moderator Barr was followed by an inspiring and informative Pastor's Seminar led by the Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, Pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. Dr. Carter shared many innovative and spirit-filled concepts of ministry. Dr. Carter grounded his presentation in the power of prayer and spiritual communication with God. He spent time sharing several views of church administration and church growth that he employed in his ministry at Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. The evening Session was concluded by a powerful message by Dr. W.R. Burston, Rocky Mount. Dr. Burston brought the Convention to its feet during the conclusion of his message in on the names of God.

On Tuesday evening the Presidential Banquet was held. The speaker was Dr. G. Fowler Graves, President of the North Carolina Association of Educators. Dr. Graves gave an inspiring address.

Wednesday was the high-point of the Convention. President Humphrey delivered his first Annual Address. Below are his recommendations. The messengers received his address with amens, applauds, and shouts. The President was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mary Humphrey, the First Lady of the GBSC, and their son, James Bradford Humphrey. The President's daughter, Mary Louise, was unable to attend the session. There were many persons from the President's church present, First Baptist Church-West. The church also presented Dr. Humphrey and Mrs. Humphrey with a beautiful plaque and recognized their outstanding contributions to Charlotte and the state of North Carolina.

The evening session was highlighted by the report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C.C. Craig. Dr. Craig had a very positive report and announced that the Convention was back on the road to financial stability. He asked that all churches continue to send in their mission contributions monthly for the "Objectives." Dr. Craig also reported that pastors across the state were responding to his call for $100.00 each. The list of churches that met their quota will be published in next month's **Informer.**

The afternoon session was concluded with a report of the General Baptist Foundation by Dr. C.G. Newsome, Foundation Chairman and Rev. G.K. Moss, Foundation Vice Chairman. They call on General Baptist to support the objectives of the Foundation through sacrificial giving. Dr. Newsome indicated that the long range goal of the Foundation was to provide the Convention with a solid base of financial support and to perpetuate our objectives and causes. The session ended with a soul-stirring message by Dr. C.R. Mosley, Pastor of the Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville.

Wednesday evening featured a special presentation by Shaw University. Dr. John Lucas, Shaw President and Dr. T.O. Shaw, President-Elect of the University, shared the Shaw Story and recent information about the drive for fiscal integrity. Dr. Lucas encouraged the Convention to always remember the long historical linkages between Shaw and the GBSC. The night session ended with a message by Dr. O.B.J. Burson, Pastor, Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Burson, a former North Carolina pastor, was well received by the Convention.

The 120th Session of the GBSC ended Thursday, October 29, at the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville. The program featured a presentation by Shaw Divinity School. Dr. G.T. Headen, Interim President of Shaw Divinity School, took time to share with the Convention the relations of the Divinity School to Shaw University and the GBSC. The Divinity School is in the process of reaching full accreditation. At the present time it holds Associate status with the Association of Theological Schools, (ATS). Dr. J.Z. Windley, Third Vice President of GBSC and a Trustee of the Divinity School, made a stewardship presentation on behalf of the School.

The final Convention sermon was delivered by Dr. J.E. Perkins, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Apex. Dr. Perkins' message was inspiring and challenging. The Convention closed with a moving spiritual Communion Service led by President Humphrey. The Convention financial report was over $93,000.00.

Resolutions To The 119th Annual Session Of The General Baptist State Convention Of N.C., Inc. Meeting In Fayetteville, North Carolina October 26-29, 1987

I. Whereas, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is a fatal disease that cripples the body's immune system which normally protects the body from infections and disease.

Whereas, the disease is transmitted through sexual intercourse, the sharing of needles and syringes used to inject drugs and through an infected mother to her unborn child.

Whereas, the AIDS virus is found in all body fluids, including semen, vaginal and cervical secretions, blood and saliva. Whereas, AIDS' victims are predominantly Black and Hispanics.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the General Baptist State Convention condemn the illegal use of drugs and illicit sexual relations. But urge its 400,000 membership to show love, compassion and concern for AIDS' victims and families and at all times practice The Golden Rule.

Further, be it resolved: that the convention establish an AIDS task force to conduct AIDS prevention/education workshops in each association; to co-operate with local, state and federal agencies in AIDS prevention/education programs; to urge each pastor to establish AIDS prevention/education programs in his/her church and encourage and support our health and human service agency and director Mr. Curtis Jackson to secure grants and funds to assist the convention churches and association to help prevent the spread of AIDS.

II. Whereas, in the past several months, there has been so much publicity nationwide on the immorality and fleecing of the poor by some few well known electronic church preachers.

Whereas, this unfavorable publicity is damaging and destructive to all Christian ministers. It stigmatizes and condemns the guilty and innocent alike.

Therefore, be it resolved: that all Christian ministers practice what they preach and never condemn nor judge another brother or sister based on rumors and unfounded facts.

III. Whereas, the Shaw Divinity School trustees, administrators, faculty and staff have decided to relocate its campus to the Garner area.

Whereas, many pastors attended or graduated from one or both institutions.

Whereas, all of the convention's pastors are friends and generous supporters of both institutions.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the General Baptist State Convention continue its generous financial and moral support to the Divinity School and urge the Shaw Divinity School trustees to retain its name and identity in order that neither institution will lose any financial or moral support from the convention's pastors and church membership. Both institutions need each other and the convention needs both as viable objectives.

IV. Whereas, the Reagan Administration has cut aid to the poor, elderly, college students, children, disabled and handicapped, but increased the military budget.

Whereas, there are millions of hungry, homeless and hopeless people in the midst of a country with plenty.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the convention encourage all of its ministers and members to register, vote and run for public office.

Further, be it resolved: that the convention urge its ministers and members to become more involved in the politics and economics of the community, city, county and country, in order to bring Christianity outside of the four walls of church-down from the steeple to the people.

Further, be it resolved: that the Christians contribute more to the convention's churches and charities, so that our needy brothers and sisters can be better cared for and comforted.

V. Whereas, many pastors, ministers and members of this convention past and present have fought, suffered, struggled and sacrificed in the civil rights battles for freedom, justice and equality for all.

Whereas, this convention's and auxiliaries' officers, pastors, ministers and members spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for public accommodations, goods and services.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the convention and auxiliaries shall not meet in cities, hotels, convention centers nor purchase goods and services from any business or institution that segregates or discriminates against anyone, because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or age and does not employ minorities in other than menial positions.

Further, be it resolved: that the president appoint a **standing committee on place** to investigate our future meeting places and designate these meeting places at least two years in advance that meet our criteria.

Further, be it resolved: that the convention urge its membership not to buy or borrow from businesses and institutions or their agencies that discriminate against anyone, because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex and do not employ minorities.

Further, be it resolved: that the convention members invest, borrow and buy from Black institutions and businesses or their representatives, whenever possible and the rates and prices are competitive.

Joy J. Johnson, Chairman
Charles W. Ward, Secretary

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1987 Annual Address Laymen's League

The Unfinished Task: Where Are We?

Where Are We Going? How Do We Get Where We Need to Be?



Dr. Charles Alston
President GBSC
Laymen's League

By Charles C. Alston

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, distinguished president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated, respective vice presidents of that great body, Auxiliary Heads, Laymen Leaguers, Ministers, other conventioners and Friends, I greet you on the occasion of the 38th Annual Session of the North Carolina Laymen's League convention in the name of our Lord and Savior.

In October, 1986, the laymen of this great state elected me to guide its fortunes for a period of four years. The setting was a beautiful city of Asheville, and the experience was one in which I will cherish forever.

For several years, my predecessor Brother Charles Porter of Charlotte, had guided the Laymen's League successfully over many troubled waters. He had kept the faith, finished his portion of the unfinished task, and left in manageable form programs that have given the League visibility and respectability. Brother Porter's efforts will long be remembered and appreciated.

Today, October 27, 1987, is inescapably my day of accountability. Without a doubt, today marks the end of the Alston administration's first year, one staffed by such able vice presidents as Brothers George Turner, Howard Graham, Ernest Dansby and Jarvis Morgan. Add to this the expertise of Brothers Richard Cogdell, Frank Marshall, Isaac Coley, Edward Holmes and James Pearce.

From my vantage point, my formal accountability or examination will bear the title, "The Unfinished Task: Where are we? Where are we going? How do we get where we want to be?"

Bear with me while I set forth where we are as the North Carolina Laymen's League. Early in the initial year of this administration, Dr. Humphrey was invited to appear before the Study Commission, the glue that holds the League together, to say what he would want the League to do as an auxiliary of the parent body to dovetail efforts of the General Baptist State Convention to better serve the wonderful people of this great state. Dr. Humphrey graciously accepted the invitation, pledged his support and set forth goals he felt to be important for the new direction and challenged the laymen to join him in lifting up the theme, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task." In all of the League's efforts, I am proud to boast, this theme has been to us a guiding light.

Each of the vice presidents of the Administration has, within reason, been encouraged to use the latitude inherent in his position and creativity to further the laymen's cause. Each recorded hits that included singles, doubles, triples and an occasional homer. However, there were also some swings and misses. In some instances, strikeouts eventuated.

The position of Fourth Vice President and that of the Study Commissioner were combined. This elevated the Study Commissioner to the cabinet level qualifying him to receive some compensation for his expenses and enhanced his overall effectiveness.

A voluntary self-inventory procedure whereby laymen would commit themselves to individuals' goals that would ultimately lead to successful organizational goals was successfully instituted.

Our men and boys retreat, the bread and butter project of the Laymen's League, represents a grass roots effort to build God's Kingdom in the minds and hearts of young men during the formative years of their church life. The retreat idea does not send the boys to hell; rather, it blocks hell's gates with techniques and strategies designed to build manhood, Christian servitude and future leaders. Leaguers are "doers of the word and not hearers only." Teaching is done by example. The retreat this year served 120 boys and 30 men.

To honor some of the brave men who weathered the storms of indifference, lack of support and personal inconvenience for the laymen's cause, a Hall of Fame for outstanding laymen was instituted on the occasion of the One Day Session that convened in Raleigh in April 1987. The project, designed to say thanks and appreciation to men of meritorious service, was well received in all quarters of the state.

Where errors of commission and omission were called to our attention, corrective action was expediously taken. A warmer climate of cooperation was the end result.

The tuition for a weekend at camp was increased from $15 to $20. This brought the cost of goods and services more in line with reality. However, the cost of a weekend at J.J. Johnson sponsored by the laymen represents one of the best bargains available anywhere. Participation at the retreat increased approximately 100% over the previous year.

For special program efforts, individuals with specific skills were brought into the Laymen's League fold.

Specialists used in certain instances and learning by doing by key officers of the Laymen's League constituted staff development.

Long range planning was institutionalized into our normal scheme of things. No longer will we not know what is going on, when, where and how. We set goals; we plan ahead; we evaluate; and we make changes when our research indicates a need to do so.

Membership and participation in League activities are approaching an encouraging level.

Your president has made appearances in rural and urban areas of this state telling the wonderful story that your efforts have created.

This in a nutshell concludes where we are. Now, where are we going?

Relative to where we are going, three phrases stand out: We must be bolder! We must be bigger! We must be better! Further, we must have a heart for the game; we must have our heads in the game; and we must have our hands on the plow. "Mr. President," you say, "translate this into something meaningful."

1. **Boldness.** To be successful in the future, I feel, we must vigorously recruit to activity deacons and trustees. Further, we must involve in creative ways the women of the church. By using our imagination, we can retain our identity as a male organization and employ the time, talent, influence and means of women simultaneously. Women, lest we forget, are a part of the laity. Brothers, while this may in some instances be shocking to some consciences, I mean every word of it!

2. **Bigness.** We must put together a listing minimally of a thousand boys ages 8-16 statewide. We must identify at least five women in each of the 100 counties that believe in our cause, desire to promote our programs and will commit themselves to at least one year of work. Further, where churches do not have a formal laymen's league in place, we must recruit individuals who believe in our cause to take individual memberships. This is not the ideal but could be the stepping stone for entry into places where the league does not now exist. This bigness trust should boost our membership by 2000.

3. **Better.** Things we must do to qualitatively improve are:

a) We must be clear about our mission.

b) We must make a commitment of time, talent, influence and means.

c) We must adapt a management style that is suitable, affordable and deliverable.

d) We must get our priorities in order.

Now that I have set forth where it is that we propose to go, let me suggest poetically how we plan to get there.

A POEM TO INSPIRE YOU

If you have a gift — bring it
If you have a song — sing it
If you have a talent — use it
If you have love — diffuse it
If you have sadness — bear it
If you have gladness — share it
If you have happiness — give it
If you have religion — live it
If you have a prayer — pray it
If you have a kind word — say it
We all have gifts that we may bring
We all have songs that we may sing
We all have kind words that we may pray
We all have love and joy to give
And what a joy life is to life
If we just scatter everywhere
These things God has given us to share
And not look for loopholes anywhere.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

CP&L President Announces $50,000 Gift For Shaw University

RALEIGH — Sherwood N. Smith, president of Carolina Power and Light Company, announced Tuesday, Sept. 29, that he will give $50,000 to the Shaw University Major Fund Drive. Smith made the announcement during a corporate breakfast meeting held for the university at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Attorney John R. Jordan, senior partner of Jordan, Price, Wall, Gray and Jones, who serves as Shaw University's corporate chairman for the fund-raising campaign, expressed his appreciation for the gift. "We are tremendously grateful for this continued expression of confidence in Shaw University by CP&L," he said. "We are particularly grateful for Sherwood Smith, president of CP&L, for his leadership and his assistance."

Jordan, in addressing the corporate executives attending the meeting, said "An investment in Shaw is one we cannot afford to forego."

Smith, in addition to making the contribution to Shaw University, has been instrumental in identifying corporate supporters for the institution's campaign to raise $40 million over the next eight years.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, newly appointed president of Shaw University, said he was most appreciative of the gift, adding that he is hopeful that more corporate executives will join Smith in supporting the campaign.



Pastors of churches in the Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Association administered an all Baptist Holy Communion recently at the association assembly building in Spindale. Pictured left to right are: Rev. N.E. Kerry Jr., Mt. Nebo; Rev. S.E. Wilkins, 2nd Vice-moderator, Wheats Creek; Rev. E. Roberts, Jerusalem; Rev. E.D. Brantley, Haynes Grove; Dr. R.L. Carson, Webb First Baptist; Rev. J.A. Barr Jr., Moderator, New Zion; Rev. L.A. Mills, 1st Vice-Moderator, Gold Hill; Rev. B. Pryor, White Oak Springs; Rev. W. Gaffney, Greens Creek; and Rev. G. Sherman, Union Grove. The special guest for the occasion were pastors and members of the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Cleveland and Gaston counties. The service concluded the Annual Session of the Gold Hill Association and its allied bodies, the Women's Missionary Auxiliary, and the Sunday School Convention.



The Youth Participation Trophy was presented to the winners, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at the New Hope Union on Saturday, August 29, 1987. This is the third time that New Hope Youths have won the coveted trophy! First row: Christina Hodges, Curtis Griffin, Vincent Griffin, Michelle Farrington, Fred Griffin. Second row: Nicole Roach; Rev. David L. Massey, president of New Hope Union; Rev. Brenda B. Roach, Youth Advisor; Rev. Queen Penny, pastor of Lillington, First Baptist presenting the trophy to New Hope; Marcia Ingram; Rev. Dr. Marcus V. Ingram, pastor, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

MGB-Association

Dr. William Lee Jr.

Dr. A. Louis Patterson, pastor of Mount Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and well-known national and international teacher, lecturer and gospel preacher, served as the keynote speaker for **"The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association"** — Fifth Annual Recognition Banquet on Friday evening, Oct. 9 — 7:00 p.m at the "Holiday Inn," 212 Woodlawn Road and I-77 South, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mrs. Georgie B. Guest, soloist for both the General Baptist State and National Baptist Conventions of Shelby, N.C., was guest soloist.

Dr. William Lee Jr., will be stepping down in October with (30 years) of dedicated service as . . . executive secretary/treasurer . . . of the association. He is now serving in his (22nd year) as pastor of Silver Mount Baptist of Charlotte where plans are now underway for the erection of a beautiful new three million dollar church (3-million) on a 15 acre plot of land at 501 West Arrowood Road in Charlotte, N.C. It is because of this that he is stepping down so as to give full-time attention to the new church plans.

Dr. Lee served (14 years) as secretary under the late Moderator, Dr. J.M. Kennedy, for 14 years . . . 15 years as executive secretary/treasurer under Moderator Dr. J.B. Humphrey for whom he served as his statewide campaign chairman, that led to the successful election of Dr. Humphrey in 1986 as president of the (450,000 members) "General Baptist State Convention of N.C. He is now serving his (30th year) under the newly elected moderator . . . Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr.

The recognition banquet is held annually following the annual association session which will be held this year at the Ebenezer Baptist Church . . . 773 East Trade St., Charlotte, N.C. Dr. A.B. Sutton Sr., pastor/ Monday through Thursday, 7:00 p.m. nightly theme: **"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task"** text St. John 4:34-35.

It is at this time that the (26 churches, 10,000 members) select the most outstanding member of each church to receive awards at the banquet for their dedicated services to . . . their church, community and association.

Writer:
Ms. Percie Norma
Chairperson of the
Recognition Committee

Mecklenburg General Association Promotes Literacy Awareness

By Maribeth Culler

At least 80,000 adults in Mecklenburg County cannot read well enough to function comfortably in society, and the number is increasing daily. Presently, only 2 percent of these people are being reached by local nonprofit programs.

The Charlotte/Mecklenburg Coalition for Literacy represents the frist major united effort to address this problem. Formed last fall, the Coalition is comprised of leaders from all parts of the city and representatives from the four area literacy programs. Funding has come from the corporate community and United Way.

As part of its goal to raise awareness of the problem and increase community involvement, the Coalition has established a literacy hotline at (919) 373-0982. Anyone wishing to improve his reading skills or become a tutor, is urged to call the hotline, which is operated by Information and Referral at United Way.

The Coalition is also encouraging area churches to help promote adult literacy by offering to be sites for programs or by supporting other churches in this endeavor. Members of the Coalition's Speakers Bureau are available to give presentations on this and other ways to improve literacy. For more information, call the Coalition office at (919) 377-2610.

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Dr. & Mrs. Wesley Grant, Sr. Celebrate 25 Years Of Radio Ministry

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.

Greetings to all of my friends here and there. We have been on the stations W.F.G.W. AM 1010 and W.M.I.T. FM 106.9 (Black Mt., N.C.) for 25 years. The Lord has blessed us to reach many souls. Through you, we have bought over 100 bicycles for different sections of foreign fields: Africa, Haiti, Jamaica, Guadaloupe, Kenya, the Bahamas, Mozambique, India and others through the Samaritan's Purse.

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Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association

The Ninetieth-First Session of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association and the Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary was held with the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Harrisburg, October 20-27. Rev. Henry E. Johnson was the Host Pastor.

The Session opened on Tuesday, October 20, with a Singspiration by the Youth of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association. The Youth sang from the depths of their hearts and really inspired our souls. Those who did not sing had speeches and paper to read. The Youths conducted by Mrs. Jerome Watson, their advisor, started the Association off in high speed.

On Wednesday evening the Ushers and The Laymen League were in charge of the evening. Greetings by Moderator, Doctor L.D. followed by an inspiration talk by Rev. W.T. Richardson, really challenged us on the theme and gave us a great beginning to get us off and running.

Sermon by Rev. Arthur Higgins, Pastor of the New Ways of Joy Missionary Baptist Church. "The Unfinished Task." John 4:34-35. Rev. Higgins truly let God use him to deliver His Word. In so using him our souls were filled with God's Spirit. Rev. Higgins is a very forceful preacher and he truly exemplified this.

Thursday morning theme speaker, Rev. Glen Thomas, pastor of the High Way To Heaven Missionary Baptist Church. His explanation of the theme came from St. Mark 16:15-20. He urged the preachers to preach the Word of the Lord because there is so much false preaching now days. Rev. Thomas did a beautiful job with the theme.

The Educational Sermon was by Rev. J.W. Threat, pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. The scripture, II Corinthians 12:7-9, "Graduating From Hard Knocks With a D.=(a Desire)" when you graduate from the School of Hard Knocks, you never finish. The D's let you know you must keep on. Thank you, Rev. Threat, for letting God use you to electrify our souls.

Thursday afternoon theme by Rev. David Cook Jr., pastor of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task." Rev. Cook said there are many of the Old Bible Characters who had Unfinished Tasks. He went on to name many of them.

Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. C.M. Booker, Pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Booker's message was a powerful message and well delivered. Did not our hearts burn while the Man of God spoke by the way side.

Thursday evening we were favored with a workshop by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The workshop covered various aspects of the church to inform the members of their rights. The workshop was very informative.

Welcome by the host church Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, in which we were made to feel that we were at home.

The Moderator's Annual Address by Moderator Dr. L.D. Parker, pastor of the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. (Those of us who know Dr. Parker, know that he is one of the most powerful preachers of this age. "The Harvest Is Ready, But The Labors are Few." We must work while its day because when night comes, no man can work. We must work because the master is soon coming. If we are going to finish the task we must work. Make the corner bright where you are so others can see the Lord.

Friday morning theme speaker, Rev. Timothy H. Scott, pastor of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church. St. John 4:34-35. "The Unfinished Task." Our Lord and Savior had a task to finish and He stayed with His Task until He said "It is Finished." Our Task is not finished until we make it to the city. Rev. Scott's message was very impressive.

Friday afternoon missionary sermon was by Rev. Nathaniel Workman, pastor of Watts Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Workman said, when Phillip went down to Samaria to preach the Gospel, he had a Task. Phillip was moved by the Spirit to join the Eunuch in the Chariot and when Phillip asked him if he understood what he was reading, he replied, "How can I unless some man guide me. The Eunuch was saved and baptized. If we are to do the work of the Lord, we must work until He comes for us."

The report of committees gave us a full picture of our year's work. We can truly say that this year has been one of the most prosperous years we have witnessed. Both spiritual and financial — Lord we want to say thank you for blessing us and we pray that your blessing will continue to flow.

Friday evening the Women's Missionary Auxiliary with President Mrs. J.B. Crowder, presiding opened the session after a few remarks by Mrs. Crowder, the newly formed Ministers Wives Auxiliary was installed by Dr. Preston Pendergrass. He gave them the charge and they were accepted by the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

The Young Adult Missionary presented a skit "Twelve Keys to God's Resources." The characters were young adults from the churches in the Association. The parts were well played and enjoyed by all. It let's us see what talent we have in our Association. Hats off to the Young Adults.

The Association was closed by Moderator Parker with a prayer that seemed to come flowing right from the Throne of Glory. Thank you Lord for the manifestation of your Holy Spirit.

A.E. Watson
Director of Publicity



Charles Feguson
Pastor, Chestnut Grove

Chestnut Grove Calls Pastor

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, located in the eastern part of Iredell County, selected Rev. Charles Feguson as pastor on September 5 to succeed Joe L. Coleman of Winston-Salem who retired in December.

Rev. Feguson is a 44-year-old native of Wilkes County and a graduate of Central High School of Newton. He served Liberty Hill Baptist Church of Claremont as Associate Minister. Ordination was held for Feguson on October 3.

He is married to the former Brenda Louise Connor of Claremont and they are the parents of four children. The family resides at Route 2, Box 796 in Claremont. Installation Service for Rev. Feguson was held on Sunday, November 8, at 3:00 at Chestnut Grove.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

JANUARY 1988

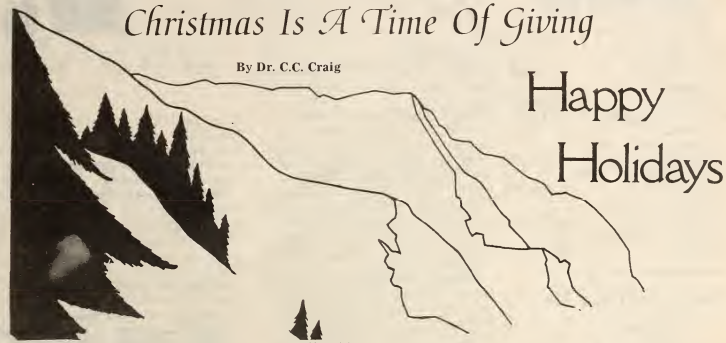
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
8	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Banquet, Raleigh Inn, Hwy. 70W, Raleigh, N.C. 7 p.m.
9	Woman's State Convention Mid-Year Session, Civic Center, Raleigh, N.C.
18	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: HOLIDAY
18-22	National Baptist Mid-Year
18-22	Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year, New Orleans, LA

DECEMBER 1987

10	Laymen's Study Commission District #7 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., (place to be announced)
25	CHRISTMAS DAY
31	NEW YEAR'S EVE
31	WATCH NIGHT

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Is A Time Of Giving



By Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators of the Associations, Presidents of the District Conventions and Unions, and Members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

Giving helped celebrate the first Christmas. The gospel of Matthew tells of the Wise Men's search for the Christ child — when they had found him, they "fell down and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." These gifts were expensive. They were also appropriate gifts which said something about who Jesus was and what he would do.

Gold was a gift for a King. Frankincense as incense and therefore was a gift for a Priest who represents men to God. Myrrh, used in one of the most ancient of arts, that of embalming, was a gift for one who must die.

We must remember that it was God's gift, not those of the wise men, that gave us Christmas. The wise men along with the angel and a multitude of the heavenly host celebrated God's wonderful gift of his son Jesus Christ. It was at Christmas that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God's gift to the world was unconditionally. We often give in the light of conditions and circumstances. God did not give his Son to the world on condition. He did not say to the world, if you do better, if you become more than what you are, if you repent, if you love me, if you grow up, if you become wiser, if you change your attitude, and ways of action, then I will give you my Son. What God said in action was: though wretched and undone, sin-sick with blind staggers in the eyes and lumbago in the back, childish and foolish, I am going to give you my Son anyway. And he did.

God was like the father in the story of the prodigal son. The boy, friendless and penniless, finally came home with no shoes on his feet, no ring on his finger, poorly clad with torn clothing. When the Father saw his wayward son, he did not say I told you so. He did not say that you are a no good nobody from nowhere. He did not say you are on probation — you must prove yourself for 12 or 24 months and then I will see about accepting you back into my house. He accepted him fully without reservation. Turning to a servant, he said: "bring forth the best robe and put in on him; and put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. And bring hither the fatted calf and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again: was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:22-24).

It is important that we know the art of giving. It is said that we learn to be generous very much the same way we learn to love. We cannot learn to love unless someone loves us first. We have to receive love before we can give it. This is true in being generous. We can learn to give only if someone gives to us. We have to receive a gift before we can make one.

Christmas is a time to give. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

St. Francis said: "It is in giving that we receive . . . It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." In light of these truths, let us then not forget that, in the giving of life, life is given back. Christmas is a suitable time to learn that secret.

As we, the members of the General Baptist State Convention, re-dedicate ourselves in an effort to give to the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention during the holiday season and throughout the years, the Staff Members at Baptist Headquarters join me in wishing for you and the members of your Christian fellowship, a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Rev. Leo Williams, Rev. Archie Logan, Mrs. Mary Farrar, Mrs. Phyllis M. Holloway, Mrs. Gwendolyn Gulley, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Ms. Bettie Chisolm, Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Ms. Ivery Williamston, Ms. Gail Anderson, Curtis Jackson, Ms. Barbara Dixon and Norman Winston.

On Jan. 8, 1988, all roads from the North, South, East and West of the State of North Carolina will lead to the James S. McKimmon Center which is located on Gorman Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the Annual Banquet of the General Baptist State Convention, in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. Gorman Street crosses the Western Blvd., which is located two blocks from the Mission Valley Inn.

The speaker for this special event will be Dr. William J. Shaw, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Tickets for this banquet are available at the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of $17.00 each. Your tickets will be sent to you upon the receipt of your check.

The Convention is counting on you, the pastors, moderators and members, to help make this banquet, in memory of Dr. Martin L. King Jr., a success by giving your full support and cooperation.

Since the banquet will be held on Friday night, Jan. 8, 1988, which is the night before the One Day Session of the Woman's Convention, Jan. 9, 1988, at the Civic Center, Raleigh, N.C., I have reserved more than 50 rooms at the Mission Valley Inn. The Mission Valley Inn is located near the James S. McKimmon Center where the banquet will be held. For persons who desire overnight lodging, the special rate is $40.00 per room; single, double or twin. You may contact the Mission Valley Inn and indicate that you are a member of the General Baptist State Convention in order to get the special rate. The telephone number is (919) 828-3173. Please confirm your reservation and order your tickets on or before Jan. 2, 1988.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Dr. William J. Shaw
Speaker for the
Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

Top Ten Churches — Monies Sent Through The Executive Office

Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L.C. Riddick	$35,535.00
First, Fayetteville, C.R. Edwards	34,285.42
Martin Street, Raleigh, David C. Forbes	31,006.52
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	27,419.18
First West, Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey	22,446.84
First, Winston-Salem, W.A. Johnson	22,323.15
Saint James, Rocky Mount, Charles Bullock	21,071.09
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J.D. Fuller	19,340.00
Friendship, Charlotte, C.A. Jones	19,253.38
Mount Vernon, Durham, Percy High	19,066.15

Churches That Met Quotas

Bear Creek Association: Antioch, Goldsboro, O'Clee Lewis; Best Grove, Goldsboro, W.C. Horton; First, Kinston, W.K. Raynor; First African, Goldsboro, I.B. Horton; Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, Spencer Williams, Jr.

Brunswick-Waccamaw Association: New Light, Hallsboro, N.B. Benjamin

Cedar Creek Association, N.P. Brodie, Moderator: Eureka Chapel, Fayetteville, J.L. Johnson

Cedar Grove Association: First, Roxboro, J.W. Barnes; Hamer, Blanche, C.H. Lea; River Zion, Blanche, Clevie Brandon

Deep River Association: Edwards Grove, Liberty, George L. Miller; Lambert Chapel, Siler City, W. Harrington; New Zion, Sanford, E.N. Hooker; Rocky River, Siler City, James F. Watkins

East Carolina Progressive Association: Pilgrim Chapel, James City, W.E. Sinclair

East Cedar Grove Association: Greater St. Paul, Durham, W.T. Bigelow; Lattisville Grove, Hurdle Mills, H. McIver; Lawson Chapel, Roxboro, Keith B. Wiley; Mt. Calvary, Bahama, O.L. Sherrill; Mt. Level, Durham, L.D. Lynch; New Red Mountain, Rougemont; Oak Grove, Oxford, M.T. Timberlake; St. John, Durham, Robert Daniels; West Durham, Durham, H.J. Cobb, Sr.

Ebenezer Association: Light Oak, Shelby, Johnny C. Browner; Mt. Calvary, Shelby, S.A. Raper; Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, C.A. Turner; Mt. Zion, Kings Mtn., J.H. Littlejohn; New Zion, Henrietta, J.L. Young; Palmers Grove, Polkville, J. Smith; Providence, Lincolnton, C.E. Morris, Jr.; St. James, Bessemer City, Eugene Early; St. Peter, Grover, William Thompson; Shady Grove, Kings Mtn., E.L. Ponder; Shoal Creek, Shelby, J.W. Grant

Gaston County Association: Center, Gastonia, David Johnson, Emmanuel, Gastonia, S.H. Barber, Jr.; Mt. Pleasant, Belmont, Eric I. White; St. Paul, Gastonia, H.J. Campbell; Springfield Memorial, Stanley, T. Armstrong; Tabernacle, Gastonia, V.M. Worthy.

Gold Hill Association: Oak Grove, Forest City, J. Osborne.

Guilford Association: Bethlehem, Winston Salem, E.L. Clark, Sr.; East White Oak, Greensboro, George P. Allen; Elm Grove, Reidsville, C. Johnson; New Hope, Greensboro, Walter M. Richmond.

Hammonds Creek Association: First, Elizabethtown, S.E. Flowers; Pleasant Union, J.HM Murphy.

Johnson District Association: First, Smithfield, H.V Miles; Halifax, Raleigh, J. Vincent Terry; New Bethel, Clayton, W.T. Newkirk; Watts Chapel, Raleigh, F.B. Weaver.

Kenansville Eastern Association: First, Warsaw, E.K. Best; First, Wilmington, J.Z. Windley; Union Chapel, Burgaw, C.A. Leach.

Lane Creek Association: Elizabeth Marshville, H.L. Nicholson; Liberty Hill, Waxhaw, David Cook, Jr.; Piney Grove, Marshville; St. Davie, Wingate, J.B. Crowder.

Lumber River Association: Cedar Grove, Whiteville, W. Thompson; First, Fairmont, J.J. Johnson; Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J.M. Durham.

Mecklenburg General Association: First, Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey; Friendship, Charlotte, C.A. Jones; Macedonia, Concord, Sampson Long; Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L.C. Riddick; Oak Grove, Pineville, Mack L. McRae; Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J.W. Wallace, Sr.; Second Calvary, Charlotte, Dewey Duncan.

Middle Baptist Association: Flat Creek, Henderson, Sidney E. Dunston.

Middle District Association: Andrews Chapel, Clinton, S.A. Richardson; Ebenezer, Wilmington; Falling Run, Fayetteville; Mt. Calvary, Wilmington, H.T. Graham; New Christian Chapel, Leland; Shiloh, Wilmington, W. Prince Vaughn.

Middle Ground Association: Pine Chapel, Pinetop, E.L. Powell; St. Matthew, Rocky Mount, Walter Cherry; Willow Chapel, Gold Point; Wynn Chapel, Bethel.

Mount Peace Association: Chapel Hill, Huntersville; Faith Memorial, Charlotte, W.H. Caldwell; Gethesemane, Charlotte, C.E. Dewberry; Gethsemane, Davidson, C. Morris, Sr.; New Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J.A. Cuthbertson; St. Paul, Charlotte, P. Drummond; St. Paul Community, Charlotte, R.M. Young.

Mountain and Catawba Association: First, Harmony, W.J. Legrant; Friendship, Hickory, D.U. Cooper; Morning Star First, Hickory W.E. Lytle; New Prospect, Sherrills Ford, C.E. Rowe; Third Creek, Stony Point, J.H. Thomas.

Mud Creek Association: Bethel "A," Brevard, F.H. Goldsmith; Mt. Zion, Asheville, J.W. White; Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, Wesley Grant.

Neuse River Association: Chapel Grove, Garysburg, Robert Ricks; Eastern Star, Tarboro; Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, Thomas L. Walker; Foster Memorial, Rocky Mount, Jeremiah Webb; Metropolitan, Rocky Mount, J.E. Arnette; Mt. Oliver, Rocky Mount, G.E. Battle; Piney Grove, Halifax, C.E. McCollum; Red Hill, Whitakers, J.O. Thorne; Roanoke Salem, Garysburg, E.L. Fleming; St. James, Rocky Mount, Charles Bullock; Shiloh, Rocky Mount, R.L. Battle; First, Battleboro, N.M. Johnson.

New Bern Eastern Association: St. Luke, Morehead City, Isaac Allen; St. Peter's Vandemere, J.H. Hyman.

New Hope Association: Bazzel Creek, Fuquay-Varina, N.T. Davis; First, Apex, J.E. Perkins; First, Chapel Hill, J.R. Manley; Haw River, Pittsboro, R.D. James; Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High; New Hope, Apex, M.V. Ingram; Peace, Durham, W.E. Daye; White Oak, Apex, C.R. Tyner.

Northampton Association: Faithful Band, Pleasant Hill, W.R. Burston; Jerusalem, Woodland, A.C. Robinson; Second, Potecasi, S.W. Edwards.

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Jesus Christ:

"The Story Of The Manger"

Last December I shared with you a meditation **Jesus Christ: The Prince Of Peace.** This year I want to continue looking at Isaiah 9:6. Isaiah writing in Palestine between 792-722 B.C. foretold of the coming Messiah: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:" The birth of Jesus Christ had many significant meanings one for us as General Baptist is, He was born in a manger.

This is the holiday period and we all should pause from our busy schedules to thank God for His son Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem in a manger. One of the first songs that I ever learned was:

"Away in a manger,
No crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky
Looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay."

After the birth of Jesus the scriptures tell us that they wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and placed Him in a manger. This text becomes important for us because the stable, the manger, and the shepherds all symbolize the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten of society. Jesus was not born in the King's Palace. There was not even room enough for Him to be born in the Inn. The wealth, the royal monarch, and those of special privilege had no place for Jesus. Jesus identified with the poor and found acceptance.

I. The Manger Of Love

O, how I love Jesus because He first Loved Me. The manger more than anything else represents love. Love was the great commandments of Jesus. It was because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son to save us from our sin and shame. A newborn baby is a gift of love. Babies have tender smiles, joyful cries, beautiful eyes, and innocent attitudes. Babies love because they have not learned about hate. Babies love because they have not experienced envy. Babies love because they have not learned how to tell falsehoods or betray their friends. Babies love because they are made in the image of Jesus who centuries ago was laid in a manger. This Christmas show the love of Jesus in your heart, in your home, in your church, and in your community.

II. The Manger Of Justice

Let Justice roll down like mighty streams is a message that echos from the manger. Jesus' life was an example of liberation, and justice for all persons regardless of who they were, where they were from, and what other people thought of them. Come unto me all ye who burden and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

The church of Jesus Christ must represent justice, we must be the voice of those who cannot speak, the eyes of those that cannot see, the ears of those who cannot hear. Jesus' birth let the world know that the least among us has a friend in Jesus. Let us ring the bell of freedom in South Africa. Let us struggle against the evil and demonic forces of racism, sexism, classism and economic inequality. This Christmas pray for world peace.

III. The Manger Of Hope

Jesus was the light of the world still shines. Finally the manger represents hope. Babies and new-birth constantly remind us that life is being renewed. Babies are the hope of tomorrow, our future. Jesus Christ's birth was the hope of the world to be. Because of His birth in Bethlehem we now have the hope and assurance that there is a bright side somewhere. As Christmas approaches I thank God that although the life of Jesus here on earth began in a manger it ended on a cross and was resurrected in a cemetery. This Christmas my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

Finally, my family and I wish you all a happy holiday and we pray that Jesus Christ is the center of your life as we prepare for 1988.



Happy Holidays From The Humphrey Family!

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

"Where Is Christmas Found?"

By Executive Secretary Brodie

Oh, tell me, where is Christmas found?
Where is the new-born King?
Where shall I see the shepherds kneel,

And hear the angels sing?

At home? At Church in "Christmas Stores"
With lights and tinsel bright?
Or in a quiet place apart,
Remembering Christmas night?

It may be here, it may be there:
No matter what the place
If hearts respond to the Infinite,
And man receives God's grace.

Wherever faith and love reach out
Toward God and fellowmen:
Wherever hearts make room for Christ,
There He is born again.

He comes to those who trust and seek;
He comes to those who care,
He comes! — O Master, come to us,
Unworthy, but aware.
— Frank Von Christierson

We are now in the Christmas season, but are there people who do not know it because of the many tragedies they see and hear through the mass media? Are there those who ask, "Where is Christmas found?" The above poem reminds them that Christmas is found at the time one receives faith and love and makes room for Christ in his heart. So it is that Christmas remains with us even through the entire year, but the season affords us the opportunity to recall the first Christmas and to rejoice in gladness for His coming in flesh to dwell among mankind.

With Christmas in our hearts let us carry out His Mission of caring and sharing through sacrificial gifts to our objectives that they can better share Christmas with those who avail themselves: **Foreign Mission, $40,000.00; Shaw University, $44,000.00; Central Children's Home, $31,000.00; Shaw Divinity School, $30,000.00; Baptist Assembly, $15,000.00; State Mission, $327,401.00.**

From the Woman's Convention — MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Executive Secretary Brodie

Mid-Year Session

On Saturday, Jan. 9, 1988, the 36th Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Convention will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Among some of the events are recognition of Lydia Circles and A-1 Circles, Unions and Auxiliaries; Bible study, and preaching by Dr. B.T. Bigelow, pastor of Greater St. Paul, Durham. Let us begin prayerful, mental, and financial preparation for this day. Our financial goal for this day is $17,000, emphasizing State Missions. Please bring your Bibles.

Spotlight On Elizabeth Young

By Luetta Williams,
Fayetteville, N.C.

God gave to us all a talent; to some he gave many. Among the latter we count Elizabeth Williams Young, the dynamic, spiritually endowed leader of the Christian Education Department of the Middle District Baptist Association. She was recently elected first vice president of the Christian Education Congress of the General Baptist State Convention. For that, we must say the Convention is blessed for having recognized a need for such an able leader.

We wonder sometimes how "Liz" (as she is affectionately called by all who know her) combines her pressing duties as wife to Robert Young, mother and grandmother of three daughters and one grandson of Southport, N.C., as supervisor of Math for the Brunswick County Schools and untiring worker in her church, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church pastored by André Carr, yet still manages to lead the Department of Christian Education of the Middle District. She has so many ideas that have flourished once she presents them. "Training Makes a Difference" is Liz's idea; "Making a Difference Day" is her brainchild also. She never has to worry about carrying out these ideas because she is able to select people who love to help. Liz has insight into people and how Christians can work together. She can spot abilities in people that they do not realize in themselves. We who serve with her are amused when we suddenly find ourselves printed on a program which notified us that we are needed. She does not take us for granted by any means; she knows that we **can** do and **will** do because of the kind of faith we know she has in us as individuals and because of the faith she knows we have in God to take our humble gifts and enlarge them for His kingdom work.

Elizabeth Williams Young gives numerous hours of unpaid monetary service to both the Middle District and the Baptist State Convention. She travels all across this country tirelessly and unselfishly giving her services to the glory of God. All those who come in contact with her will never leave without being affected by her nobleness. She gives credit and thanks to God, and always remembers her association wherever she goes. She has never faltered whether oppression temporarily existed or when everything is going well. We need more leaders who are willing to be followers to help God's program. We need leaders who like Liz recognize that people make things succeed when they work together to make a difference in this present age.

ATTENTION!

All members of the WBH&FMC Choir and those interested in participating in the choir, please remember that we shall sing again at the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Convention on Saturday, January 9, 1988, at the Raleigh Civic Center. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. We are looking forward again to your cooperation.

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Pee Dee Union Association: Belford, Jackson Springs, H.C. Miller; Walls Chapel, R. Walls.

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Unidentified: Faith, Raleigh, C.R. Trotter; Mt. Moriah, Matthews, J.C. Robinson; Pilgrim, Greensboro, W.F. Johnson.

From The "Baptist Informer" *Bookshelf*

By Rev. Jason A. Barr,
Associate Book Review Editor

The following are books that are short and inexpensive. Each could be given as Christmas gifts, but contain within them thoughts, truths, and ideas that have meaning for a lifetime, regardless of the season. These books are also classics. They are classics in the sense that although they were written over thirty years ago, they are still being published and have a "freshness" and relevant message for today.

As A Man Thinketh by James Allen. Forth Worth. Brownlow Publishing. 66 pp. 1905.

This small volume first came to the attention of the reviewer shortly after the death of one of his parishioners. The widow who passed the book along did so in the hope that I could find something good to say about her husband during the eulogy. "This is what [he] lived by," she said. Not only was there material in this book for the eulogy, but there was several nuggets for life.

Allen's thesis is that we are what we think. This thought was espoused by him long before contemporary concern for providing a holistic approach to life evolved. Dr. Norman Cousin's recent works that extol the virtues of a healthy relationship between the body and mind, and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's writings that emphasize positive thinking as a way to enhance life through body, mind and soul, seem to be expansions of Allen's percusory admonitions in this book.

As A Man Thinketh does not negate the spiritual dimensions of successful living, nor does Allen relegate the spiritual realm to an appendix of life. Successful living and positive thoughts are, in Allen's view, "the consumation of holy aspirations. He who lives constantly in the conception of noble and holy thoughts, who dwells upon all that is pure and unselfish, will, . . . rise into a position of influence and blessedness."

The Meaning of Prayer by Harry Emerson Fosdick. Nashville, Abingdon Press. 185 pp. 1915.

Harry Emerson Fosdick has been called the greatest preacher of the twentieth century. Thousands flocked to the Riverside Church in New York to hear him preach on a weekly basis. Not only was Fosdick an engaging preacher, he was a prolific author. Of all of his books, **The Meaning of Prayer** is the most practical and insightful.

This book was written as a devotional. There are scripture lessons on prayer for each day of the week followed by devotional statements on the passages. These precede a prayer for the day that allows one to pray with St. Augustine, Martin Luther and others. The real gems in the book are to be found in the "Comment For the Week" section. Here Fosdick discusses such topics as the naturalness of prayer, prayer as communion with God, prayer and natural law, unanswered prayer and prayer as dominant desire.

Fosdick does an admirable job of wrestling with some critical questions concerning prayer. The reader will not always agree with Fosdick but will be challenged by the encounter. Fosdick is provocative and as such he stimulates the reader to think about what is to be given to and garnered from the prayer experience.

The Mis-Education of the Negro by Carter G. Woodson. Washington, D.C., Associated Publishers. 175 pp. 1933.

If ever there was a book that was "must" reading for black people, especially educated black people, **The Mis-Education of The Negro** is that book. In this little volume Carter G. Woodson, the father of black history, incisively and critically explores the values and ideas that have shaped the lives of educated black people.

Woodson attacks these ideas and values by reminding the reader that "The mere imparting of information is not education." Woodson is not concerned with the quantity but the quality of education that black people receive. The quality of black education includes having an awareness and appreciation for one's own culture. It is not, in Woodson's estimation, having "everything the white man has to offer even if it is harmful."



Reverend Jason Barr,
Book Review Editor

This book, for the most part, is as relevant today as it was over fifty years ago. No institution, including the church, escapes Woodson's scrutiny and wrath. While Woodson was never known as a tactful writer, or professor for that matter, his book deserves to be read and appreciated by all black people "who think they have it made."

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Is Apartheid Changing?:

A Sermon of Conscience For The Holdiays

by
Dr. John Mendez,
2nd Vice President GBSC

"Let Justice Run Down As Waters, And Righteousness As A Mighty Stream." (Amos 5:24)

"Certainly the government would not comply with any demand for one man, one vote in a unitary system."
— P.W. Botha,
South African Prime Minister,
1983

"There has been a great deal of talk about change under Botha. What is left of apartheid after all this change? I would say ninety percent or more. There has been a confusion of rhetoric with real change."
— John Dugard,
South African legal scholar.
1980

What is apartheid?

Apartheid means "apart" or "separateness" and is the system of government in the Republic of South Africa. Under this system, all persons in South Africa are classified by the color of their skin into the following racial groupings: Africans are 72 percent of the population; Coloureds, persons of racially mixed descent, are 9 percent of the population; Asians, persons mostly of Indian descent, are 3 percent of the population; and whites, persons of European descent, are 16 percent of the population. In South Africa the term "blacks" refers to Africans, Coloureds, and Asians. The government divides the African population by *ethnic* criteria; but all whites, despite ethnic differences, officially form one group.

The core feature of "grand apartheid" is the denial of the right to vote to Africans and their forced removal from their homes to the so-called "independent homelands" or "bantustans." The government claims that each African ethnic group must be restricted to its own area. The "bantustans" — ten barren, economically nonviable, disparate pieces of land — comprise 13 percent of South Africa's land. Apartheid reserves 87 percent of the land — the richest in the country — for whites.

In 1983 more than half of the African population (11 million people) lived in the "bantustans" while fewer than 10 million lived in the "white areas." Of the ten "bantustans," four have been declared "independent" by the South African government: Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei. This status, however, has not been recognized by any country in the world or the United Nations. Since 1960 the South African government has forcibly removed 3.5 million blacks from areas designated for whites. Nearly one million more Africans have been forcibly relocated within the "bantustans." Millions more are under threat of removal.

Although the Africans were born in South Africa, work in South Africa, and die in South Africa, "grand apartheid" deprives them of South African citizenship. Africans cannot vote, buy or sell land, live or work where they choose, live together as a family or move freely. They cannot purchase land in white areas and cannot remain in the white areas without a permit.

Does the new constitution alter apartheid?

On November 2, 1983 white South Africans approved a new constitution which establishes a tricameral parliament with separate chambers for whites, Coloureds and Asians. Because this new structure provides for limited participation by some non-whites, some have asserted that South Africa is moving toward a more democratic system. This is absolutely false. Under the new constitution, the African majority is totally excluded from the political process and whites retain a monopoly of real power.

The new structure merely adds to the existing white chamber of parliament a separate Coloured and a separate Asian chamber. The Coloured and Asian chambers cannot legislate any changes in apartheid laws, and the white chamber has veto power over any bills these chambers pass. The new constitution has been condemned by most African, Coloured and Asian groups as a "sham" and a thinly disguised attempt by the government to "divide and rule" the black community. In fact more than 80 percent of the eligible Coloured and Asian population boycotted elections held under the new constitution in August 1984. The South African government has stated repeatedly that the new constitution is *not* a move toward one person, one vote with African participation. It is, therefore, not a move toward a democratic system, but an attempt to entrench apartheid.

Has "petty apartheid" changed?

Petty apartheid is the apparatus of segregation in the routine of daily life. In South Africa "separate and unequal" treatment is specifically mandated by law. The government has allowed, however, the desegregation of a very few public areas and workplaces. These changes will have little impact, however, given the political and socio-economic status of black South Africans. What is the effect of desegregated restaurants when almost no blacks can afford to eat in them? Education, housing, health care, most transportation, as well as most entertainment are still segregated and purposely inferior for blacks. In truth "petty apartheid" is as prevalent as ever.

Have there been reforms in the apartheid labor system?

After massive labor uprisings in the mid-1970s, the South African government moved to bring black unions under a regulated system of control. Before 1979 Africans had no trade union rights at all. They had been permitted to form only "unrecognized" unions, effectively eliminating African participation in the industrial councils that established working conditions and minimum wages in each industry. Africans were barred from joining white, Coloured, or Asian unions and from engaging in strikes.

The Industrial Conciliation Amendment Act (1979) and the Labor Relations Amendment Act (1981) were instituted to control the growth of the black trade union movement. While these laws offered black unions official recognition and the possibility of negotiating legally-binding contracts for the first time, they also imposed severe restrictions on black trade union rights, providing a new means of supervision and control of black workers:

- the government decides if and when registered status is granted to a black union;
- the government requires registered black unions to provide detailed financial reports as well as lists of members, officers and activities;
- virtually all strikes remain illegal because of the arcane and lengthy procedures established to settle disputes;
- picket lines are banned; and
- unions are prohibited from engaging in political activity as defined by the government.

In addition to these legal restrictions, the South African government has employed its broad police powers to harass unions with arrests, detentions, bannings and even murder. Union organizer Neil Aggett was found dead in his jail cell on February 5, 1982. Eight members of the National Union of Mineworkers were shot dead on October 1984 during a strike. Several unions have been "banned" in different "bantustans." Between 1981 and 1983 alone, over 400 trade union members were detained. Several union leaders were detained after participating in a strike in November 1984. Some remain in detention and several face charges of "high treason" and "terrorism" for participating in legitimate trade union activities.

Is South Africa changing?

South Africa has, indeed, changed over the past 30 years — *for the worse.* Since the Nationalist party came to power in 1948, South Africa has become among the world's most repressive, controlled and polarized countries.

In 1948 South Africa's legal system recognized *habeaus corpus.* That protection no longer exists because the security system now allows for indefinite detention incommunicado. Thirty years ago blacks and whites could hold political rallies, marches and demonstrations. Such activity is now illegal, and political parties cannot be multi-racial. In the 1950s blacks still held South African citizenship. They are now being deprived of citizenship and consigned to live in the ten barren "bantustans."

Since 1948 thousands have been killed by the police, hundreds of thousands have been detained, scores of individuals and organizations have been "banned," and millions have been forcibly removed to the "bantustans." Between August 1984 and April 1985, over 250 people were killed by police; and over 4,500 were arrested for demonstrating against apartheid. Many prominent black church, trade union, and community leaders have been detained, some facing charges of "high treason." All public meetings, including funerals, have been prohibited.

The South African government often speaks of "reform" while strengthening and expanding the apartheid system. But the realities of that system — brutal repression and the rising death toll — are the strongest evidence that no significant change has been made in South Africa. These realities also provide the most compelling support for the argument that economic sanctions against South Africa would be the best means of bringing about freedom and democracy in that country.

In the fullness of time God will let justice and righteousness flow in South Africa. Hallelujah!

Charles Albert Tindley: Black Gospel Musician And Preacher

By Linda Konig

Charles Albert Tindley was no ordinary man. Born a slave at Berlin, Maryland in 1851, he had many hardships and stumbling blocks to overcome. His mother, Esther, died when he was only four years old, and the next year he was separated from his father. Soon the Civil War thundered up and down the nation, and Charles Albert was freed to follow his heart's desire — to learn. God must have had His hand on this young teenager — because gradually he taught himself to read by picking up discarded pieces of newspaper along the roadside! At night he would puzzle over them by firelight. By the time he was seventeen, he had managed to learn that his own initials spelled "cat." From such childlike beginnings, a mighty intellect grew.

As a slave, Tindley never attended church, but now he felt such a longing to go that he walked to the Chesapeake Bay on Saturdays to wash his only shirt with ashes (he had no soap). Then he hung it on a limb to dry and waited for Sunday morning.

This was not enough for Tindley. He and God had big plans together. About this time, he met Daisy Henry. They fell in love and soon were on their way to Philadelphia as husband and wife. There he pursued his education while working to support himself and Daisy. First he found work as a hod carrier and later as janitor of a small church, Calvary Methodist Episcopal. Meanwhile, he went to night school. He also took a correspondence course from the Boston School of Theology to learn Greek. He studied Hebrew from a local rabbi. Somewhere along the way, he learned music notation.

In 1885, Tindley was ordained into the Methodist ministry. For this, he had to pass an examination. Before the exam, some of the other students were amused by his determination to take the tests. One even asked, "How do you expect to pass your examination?" The other candidates and I have diplomas. What do you hold?"

"Nothing but a broom," he replied. When the tests were graded, he ranked second highest.

For the next seventeen years, he served as circuit-riding preacher in Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey. In 1902, he returned to Philadelphia as pastor of a church there.

That church was Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, the same church he had served years before as janitor! The Lord does work in mysterious ways! However, at this time the church was quite small, really just a struggling storefront mission. Some of the local pastors tried to commiserate with him on the "certain failure" that the church faced. Little did they know C.A. Tindley's ability to overcome obstacles with God's help! Many years later, someone asked one of Tindley's children, "How did your father win such a great success?"

His answer: "On his knees."

It was during his years at Calvary Church that Tindley wrote most of his famous songs and choruses, combining all the emotions of spirituals, the blues, and gospel hymns. Today he is called a pioneer in Black gospel music. However, they were not called *gospel* songs then; they were called evangelistic songs, tabernacle songs and revival songs.

Following in the tradition of Dr. Isaac Watts and the beloved spirituals of his own people, Tindley began writing gospel music that used Afro-American imagery and form, yet his music was distinctively innovative.

Most of his songs were written to embellish his sermons. And, indeed, many of his sermon titles sounded like song titles — "A Forget-Me-Not," "Trees," "Religion in a Blade of Grass." One method he used in writing songs was to paraphrase a Scripture passage into more simple language. Another method he used was to tell a story in a song. He understood the hardships and trials that his people had been through in the past, and he also understood the troubles of Black Christians in the twentieth century. Many gospel songwriters, both then and now, concentrated on the joys of salvation and the life hereafter. While not ignoring the anticipation of heaven and its rewards, Tindley frequently wrote about the problems of everyday life.

His tunes, for the most part, were simple and based on the pentatonic scale, allowing a great deal of interpretation and embellishment by the individual singer. So, it's not surprising that a great many gospel singers have enjoyed singing his songs, for example: "Stand By Me" by the Staple Singers; "Storm Is Passing Over" by Marie Knight; "We'll Understand It Better By and By" by Roberta Martin. ("By and By" or "When the Morning Comes" is in both *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956 and *Baptist Hymnal*, 1975).

Some of his other songs include "Nothing Between," "Leave It There," "I Have Found at Last a Savior," and "I'll Overcome Some Day." This last song, written in 1901, became the inspiration and basis for the well-known civil rights song "We Shall Overcome."

Needless to say, Tindley was a great influence on later gospel songwriters and singers, among them Thomas Dorsey and Lucie Campbell Williams, the first Black female gospel songwriter.

As his reputation as a pastor grew, more and more people came to Tindley's church, including White Americans, Italians, Jews, Germans, Norwegians, Danes, and other immigrants. Even more amazing is the fact that people of all colors were represented in the leadership of this church which had grown to a membership of around 7000. This alone tells us much about this great-hearted man and his great-hearted Jesus — a Savior who died to break down all the walls between His people. Oh, that this same all-embracing spirit of love exhibited by C.A. Tindley might fill all our hearts!

During the cold, dark days of the Depression, his church ministered with a soup kitchen, sometimes serving as many as 500 down-and-outers at a time. Tindley never forgot Jesus' words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren. . . ."

Known as an eloquent preacher, Tindley remained at his Philadelphia church until his death in 1933. During these thirty-one years, he led his congregation to join with him in singing and praise, and they were glad to express their heart-felt worship in song. The church had grown so much that in 1924, after several additions, a larger building was erected at a new location. Over Tindley's protests, the church members decided to rename their church Tindley Temple. How they must have loved their pastor!

Linda Konig is an assistant editor in the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. (Taken from **Ethnicity**, *Vol. 5, (5) September/ October 1987.)*

All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

By Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup — they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all — LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and some living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all — the whole world — had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy to our nations and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

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Shaw Divinity School — NEWS

Dr. Gregory T. Headen Appointed Shaw Divinity School President

By
Dr. E. Burns Turner, Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board Chairman, &
Past President of General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

Dr. Gregory T. Headen, Professor and former Dean of Academic Affairs, and Interim President, Shaw Divinity School, was named President of the Divinity School effective Nov. 12.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Divinity School's Board of Trustees, stated that Dr. Headen was the unanimous choice of the Board of Trustees, as well as the Divinity School's administration, faculty, students and alumni.

"Dr. Headen assumes the administrative leadership at a critical time in the Divinity School's history," Turner said, "and we expect great things from him," he added.

Turner described Headen as "a preacher's preacher, a master teacher, a scholar and theologian."

"Dr. Headen is an extremely talented and gifted young man," Turner continued, "perhaps among the most talented in the state and nation."

Turner said that Headen's administrative experience as Dean of Academic Affairs, and the fact that he has shared the overall administrative leadership of the Divinity School with Dr. Joseph C. Paige over the past several years was useful preparation for his new position.

Dr. Turner described Dr. Headen's appointment as "historic," stating that it was the first time in Shaw Divinity School's history that it has had its own president. He said that Dr. Headen's appointment was "a step beyond the crossroads, as Shaw Divinity School continues its tradition of quality and excellence in theological education."

Dr. Headen is a native of Goldston in Chatham County. He is the son of Dorsett and Maxine Marsh Headen, and a member of Robert's Chapel Church.

He attended J.S. Waters School, Goldston for 11 years, graduating from Chatham Central High School in 1969.

He has degrees from Pembroke State University (B.S.), Duke Divinity School (M.Div.) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (D. Min).

In addition, he has a Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Dr. Headen was called to the ministry at the age of 18, and was called to the pastorate of Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church, Sanford, at the age of 19.

He was pastor at First Baptist Church, New Hill, from 1981-1986.

Dr. Headen joined the faculty of Shaw Divinity School as Professor of Practical Theology in 1983, also serving as Acting Dean of Students. He was appointed Dean of Academic Affairs in May, 1984 and promoted to Professor, with tenure, in July, 1987.

Dr. Headen is the first black to be elected to The Chatham County Board of Education. He is still a member of that board.

In addition, he is a member of the: NAACP; Chatham County Board of Elections; Friends of Black Children's Group; Program Committee of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention and BTU, to name a few.

Former positions include: Secretary of the Interdenominational Ministerial and Layman's Alliance of Chatham County and vicinity; Clerk of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association; member of the Deep River Ministerial Council; and Chairman of the Joint-Orange-Chatham-Community Action Agency's (JOCCA's) Board of Directors.

Dr. Headen is a member of the Regional Accrediting Committee, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), 1987-1990. He is also a consultant to the CPE Residency Program, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Dr. Headen is a member of the Washington, DC based Council for a Black Economic Agenda, and has met with President Ronald Reagan twice in 1987 to discuss minority problems.

Reactions to Dr. Headen's appointment have been encouraging.

"It was an appointment long overdue," said Dr. Joseph C. Paige, the Divinity School's Executive Vice President.

Dr. Paige said that "Dr. Headen was the choice of all of us." Paige said that he recommended Dr. Headen for President immediately following Dr. Stanley H. Smith's resignation in July, 1986.

"He is young and brilliant — a creative and scholarly educator and minister, and a competent administrator," Paige continued.

Dr. Paige described Dr. Headen as "highly spiritual, a praying man — one who knows and trusts God and one whom God knows and loves."

Paige said that the Divinity School will now move to its rightly place in Theological education, world wide under Dr. Headen's leadership.

Paige described Headen as "extremely capable and articulate and one who has thoroughly internalized God's creative purpose for man. The God in him shines. The Christ in him is visible."

Dr. Louise Allen, Chairman of The Personnel Committee, Board of Trustees, called Dr. Headen "a giant among ministers, teachers and administrators." She said that preparing the recommendation for his appointment was one of the great moments of her life.

"Dr. Headen is among the outstanding pastors, preachers and teachers of our day. His is a great challenge and I know that he will rise to the occasion," said Dr. G. Franklin Wiggins, member of The Board of Trustees, and a major Shaw Divinity School benefactor.

Dr. Headen is married to the former Doretha Taylor, a teacher at the Moncure Elementary School. They have two children, Tyecia and Nicky.

Dr. Headen and his family reside in Pittsboro, North Carolina. Headen said that he will probably move to Raleigh in mid-December.

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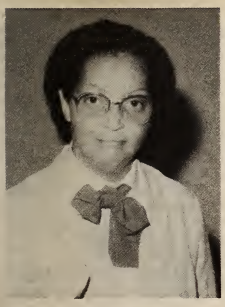
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PM 784	Evan. & Church Growth in Black Comm.	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Battle
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PF 502	Supervised Ministry in Inst. Context	7:00-10:00 p.m.	3	Tues	Franks

Rev. Helen McLaughlin Named Director Of Women's Concerns



Rev. Helen McLaughlin

Reverend Helen McLaughlin, former Assistant Director of Development and Director of the Institute for Women's Concerns, Shaw Divinity School, has been named Director of Women's Concerns, Shaw Divinity School.

In making the announcement, Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President, Shaw Divinity School, stated that the upgrading the Rev. McLaughlin's position is both a result of internal reorganization within the Divinity School, and recognition of Rev. McLaughlin's administrative and development skills and competencies, and her outstanding contributions in women's advocacy and concerns, including the family, youth development, health and welfare, as well as economic and political empowerment of minorities, and especially black women.

"Rev. McLaughlin has been on the staff of the Divinity School for five years now," Rev. Headen said, and she has made a major contribution in the advocacy for and advancement of women ministers and ministries," Headen said, describing McLaughlin as "able, bright, articulate, and dedicated."

Headen said that Shaw Divinity School was among the first major theological seminaries to make a major commitment to the cause of women ministers and ministries.

"We put our money and resources where our mouth is," Headen said. "We allocated staff and support resources at a time when we could hardly afford to do so. We trusted God. We knew that this is an area deserving recognition and support. We are proud of our accomplishments."

Rev. McLaughlin is a native of Siler City, in Chatham County. She is a graduate of Chatham High School, Siler City. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Shaw University and a Bachelor of Theology degree from Shaw Divinity School, where she has just completed requirements for the Master of Divinity degree.

Rev. McLaughlin is Assistant Pastor and Coordinator of the Evangelism Department at First Baptist Church, Carthage, positions she has held since 1982. She has served as Missionary Field Worker for the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association since 1984. She is also founder and minister of Christian Community Outreach Ministries, Siler City.

Rev. McLaughlin is founder and Executive Director of the Shaw Divinity School's Interdenominational Organization of Women Ministers and Ministries, and has served as the Director of the Shaw Divinity School Institute for Women Concerns since the approval for its establishment by the Board of Trustees in November, 1984.

Rev. McLaughlin served as Chairman of the Women in the Ministry Task Force of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina from 1985-86, and appointment made by the GBSC President, Dr. E.B. Turner. The Women in the Ministry Task Force was appointed to study the plight of women ministers and women ministries in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and to report their findings and recommendations to the Convention. It was under Rev. McLaughlin's leadership and her urging that Baptist Women Ministers were first recognized at an Annual Session of the Convention.

Other current activities of Rev. McLaughlin include: Coordinator of Prison Ministry at the Carthage Prison Unit, Carthage; Corresponding Secretary and Program Coordinator of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Moore County and vicinity, and staff representative on the Board of Trustee's Interdenominational Women's Support committee.

Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, described Rev. McLaughlin as a "hard worker and a hard-hitting go-getter."

"She is a bundle of high-level energy who simply refuses to take no for an answer," Turner said.

Turner said that "McLaughlin has done more to promote the cause of women ministers in the state of North Carolina than anyone else." He called her a "real advocate, a person of commitment and dedication."

Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Executive Vice President, praised Rev. McLaughlin's new appointment.

"I am pleased with Dr. Headen's reorganization of the Office of Development and the upgrading of Rev. McLaughlin's position," Paige said. He said that Rev. McLaughlin has demonstrated a keen perception of her responsibility and the mission of Shaw Divinity School.

"I have worked with her for the past four years, and I know of her strengths. She's good for Shaw Divinity School."

Rev. McLaughlin is married to Eugene McLaughlin, a supervisor in the Carthage unit of the North Carolina Department of Corrections. He is also a Deacon at New Bensalem Baptist Church, High Falls. They have three children: Morris, 21; Reginald, 18; and Keisha, 13.

The McLaughlins reside in High Falls.



"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
— Phil. 3:13b

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Deep River Association Concluded

By D.W. Headen

SANFORD — The 71st Annual Session of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association convened at First Calvery Baptist Church on Field Drive, Sanford, of which Dr. J.L. Morgan is host pastor and moderator, October 2-4. Mrs. Thelma G. Turner of Goldston, president of the Deep River Women's Auxiliary Convention which met on Saturday, October 3, presided over its business.

The theme of the convention, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" St. John 4:34,35. The Rev. Larry Leake, pastor of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church of Siler City, delivered the introductory sermon using for a subject "One More Year" from the text taken from St. Luke 13:8 alternated by Rev. Bobby Womble, associate minister of Roberts Chapel Baptist Church. The Friday afternoon devotional service was conducted by Deacon John Donnell and Mrs. Clara Donnell. Rev. Lincoln Blandin, First-vice moderator, presided over the afternoon session of the convention, while Dr. J.L. Morgan made the Moderator's Annual Report. Mrs. Omega G. Herring made the Report of Committee on Officers. Mrs. Hattie Gales of Oakland Baptist Church of Ramseur was in charge of the music for the Association. Dr. Charles Bullock, pastor of the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, delivered the afternoon message, which was an inspiration to the entire convention. The speaker was presented (or introduced) by Rev. Barry Schoffner, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Lillington. While the Rev. Nathaniel Woods, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Moncure, preached Friday evening.

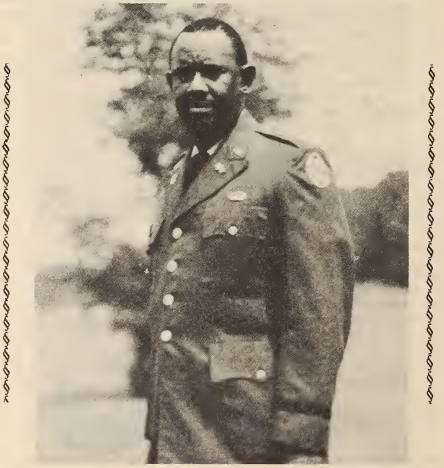
Mrs. Shirley W. Bullock, 2nd Vice-president of Women's State Missionary Convention of North Carolina, was guest speaker for the Deep River Women's Auxiliary Convention, of which Mrs. Doreather Headen of Pittsboro was elected the new president for the next four-year term.

The annual session will convene at Edward Grove Baptist Church in Moncure, Rev. Terry L. Streater of New Bensalem Baptist Church, Liberty, NC in October 1988.

The following ministers were ordained. Rev. David Suber of St. John Baptist Church, Climas, Rev. Thomas McLaughlin from Taylors Chapel Baptist Church of Pittsboro, Rev. J.C. Baldwin of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Moncure, Rev. Terry L. Steater of New Bensalem Baptist Church at High Fall and Rev. Linda Gales of First Calvery Baptist Church at Sanford.

Other News Notes

Annual Homecoming Revival was held at the First Baptist Church West at 1801 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte. Dr. J.B. Humphrey, ministered Sunday, September 27 with Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, delivering the morning opening sermon, with the Angelic Choir rendering the music. The guest preacher for the Sunday evening service was Dr. Don Steger, minister of Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, accompanied by the choir and members. Services during the week were conducted by Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper Jr., of Fifth Street Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.



Rev. Joseph C. Lovelace, a Major in the United States Army Reserve, was recently selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel pending United States Senate confirmation. On Nov. 17 Lovelace also received the Ecclesiastical Endorsement of the Progressive National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., for the United States Army Chaplaincy Corps. Chaplain Lovelace is a Master of Divinity honor graduate of the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. He is an active member of the General Baptist State Convention. Lovelace and his family reside in Raleigh, N.C.

Making A Difference Day

By Luetta Williams,
Fayetteville, N.C.



Dr. Prince Vaughn

The third annual "Making a Difference Day" occurred on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1987, at Burgaw, N.C. In the words of numerous participants, "this one was the best one yet." "Making a Difference Day" is a dream come true for the Middle District Baptist Association dreamed and designed by Elizabeth Williams Young of Southport, N.C., Director of Christian Education for the Association, and newly elected 1st Vice President of the Christian Education Congress. The Association has helped "Liz's" dream come true by supporting this effort to train our members from the pulpit to the cradle. The theme "Training Makes a Difference" came alive in the many workshops available to the churches represented. Classes included the Sunday School and BTU purpose/work/worker presented by Dr. Leo Williams, The Church Administration "Whose Job is It?" taught by Dr. Prince Vaughn the minister portrayed above, Missionary Organization work and responsibility, led by Mrs. Phyllis Kelly, Past President Young Adult Department; The Ministry of Ushering in our churches, Mrs. Nancy High, Coordinator of Ushers General Baptist Convention; and Youth and Christian Living, Mrs. Christine Hall, member Board of Christian Education, Middle District. Each workshop utilized capable leaders from the Baptist Convention or their Association.

All of the workshops were inspirational but we wish to focus on two sessions in particular — The Church Administration, "Whose Job is It?" conducted by Dr. Prince Vaughn represents where the church needs to start when it focuses on building and renovating — the head of the church, and if we recognize Him, we will follow what the Bible says the job of the workers should be (Matt. 16:18) (John 14:26).

Dr. Vaughn is able, qualified and competent to direct officers in the church toward the biblical way of carrying out the job of church work. He is especially adept at combing humor with wisdom as he expounds the scriptural way of administrating church work.

Dr. Vaughn, Sr. A.B. THB, A.M., D.D., is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C., instructor of Ministers-Middle District Association, Burgaw Institute. The Middle District Association is blessed to have such an able minister-teacher and man of God as Dr. Vaughn is. We are equally blessed to have such a charismatic leader of the Department of Christian Education — Elizabeth Williams Young, who recognizes the need for training and strives to select the best instructors to so train its members. Dr. B.L. Rich is the moderator of the Middle District Missionary Association.

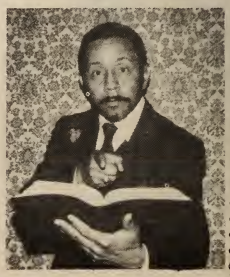
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Pastor Weaver Honored

By Archie D. Logan, Interim Editor

The Pastor's Aid Society organized five celebrations at Watts Chapel Baptist Church as they recognized their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Frank B. Weaver, for 20 years of dedicated, faithful and continuous service. We are indeed grateful to God that He allowed us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our pastor. Rev. Weaver is honored every five years with an anniversary celebration. The people of the church considered it a blessing to have Rev. Weaver as a pastor who possesses quality education, quality leadership, and the spirit of the Almighty. The enthusiasm of the church members in preparing the various activities was overwhelming. Many persons were involved and participated in the celebrations of our Pastor's 20th Anniversary. Mrs. Rosa Smith, Mrs. Dona Anderson, organists, and Elijah Smith, Jr. were in charge of all music for the five celebrations.

The First Celebration of the Pastor's 20th Anniversary began Sunday, July 26, at 11:00 a.m. with the dynamic speaker, the Rev. Dr. Percy High, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Durham. The New Direction Choir and The Rosettes rendered music. Charles Holmes presided. In this service, a brief tribute and highlights of Rev. Weaver's 20 years were given. Under God's direction and our pastor's leadership, there are many evidences of our growth and development. God has blessed us spiritually and physically. A spiritual revival has taken place in Watts Chapel Baptist Church.

The Second Celebration of the Pastor's 20th Anniversary was held on Sunday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Lynch of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, was the guest minister. Music was furnished by the F.B. Weaver Gospel Choir, The New Direction Choir and the Sunbeams. Mrs. Diane Alexander presided. Rev. Weaver also celebrated his 60th birthday on this day, and a reception was held in his honor in the fellowship hall. The arrangements were facilitated by the Hospitality Committee of Watts Chapel.

On October 24, at 6:00 p.m. a banquet was held in the fellowship hall of the church honoring Rev. Weaver for his 20 years of dedicated service to Watts. Mrs. Hortense Fleming, accompanied by Ms. Lloydine Perry, sang a solo. The Rev. A.D. Logan Jr. brought greetings from The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Rev. W.H. Lucas brought greetings from The Johnston District Missionary Baptist Association. Dr. James Z. Alexander brought greetings from The Shaw Divinity School, and Rev. William T. Newkirk gave Dr. Weaver a tribute in behalf of the Shaw Divinity School students. There were many expressions of love extended to Rev. Weaver through One-Minute Tributes, gifts and financial contributions from all the auxiliaries of the church. The pastor's wife was also honored with words of praise and gifts. Frank C. Weaver, son of pastor and Mrs. Queen Weaver, Mrs. Weaver, and Rev. Weaver's oldest brother, James, were among his many family and friends in attendance at the banquet. A delicious dinner was served. The menu: string beans, candied yams, baked chicken, ham, rolls, tea and all kinds of desserts were served. Mrs. Gayla Smith presided.

The pastor's 20th Anniversary culminated with two services on Sunday, October 25. The morning worship service with the Rev. Bennie Bryant presiding was very inspirational. The Rev. Dr. Calvin Johnson of Roseboro, was the guest minister. The evening worship service was presided by the Rev. Clarence Nathan, pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church. The Rev. G.A. Jones Jr. of Wake Chapel Baptist Church was the speaker for the 4:00 p.m. afternoon worship service. He was accompanied by The G.A. Jones 80 Voice Gospel Choir. The Honorable Sheriff John T. Baker, Rev. E.E. Penny, offered greetings from Wake County and Johnston District Baptist Association respectively. Deacon Otis Hinton and Mrs. Clydia Hill made a presentation of money to Pastor Weaver in behalf of the church. Rev. Frank B. Weaver, our 12th pastor, was elected to serve our congregation on July 28, 1967, and we are so very blessed he came our way and may the Lord bless him with many years to serve us here at Watts Chapel Baptist Church.



Mrs. Clara Ballentine presents Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Weaver with a plaque at the banquet.



Reverend and Mrs. Clary L. Phelps and daughters.

Our Pastor And His Family

The Rev. Clary L. Phelps was installed as pastor of First Baptist Church located at the corner of Tournament and Chestnut Streets in Concord, N.C., on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. F.H. Goldsmith, pastor of the Bethel A Baptist Church, Brevard, N.C., delivered the Installation Sermon.

The Rev. James B. Adams of the Bethel Baptist Church, Brevard, N.C., delivered the message at the 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday and a fellowship dinner followed the morning service. Several local and visiting ministers participated in the afternoon services.

Rev. Clary L. Phelps is the son of Mr. Clary and Mrs. Zilla Mays Phelps. He is married to the former Miss Thresa Wrice and the couple has two daughters, Terea and Maria. Rev. Phelps and his family will reside in Concord.

Rev. Phelps received his high school diploma from East Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem, N.C. He continued his education at Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, N.C., where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in May, 1976. He majored in Sociology and his minor was in Physical Education. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, N.C.

He received his pastoral license on April 16, 1978 at his home church, The Friendship Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., whose pastor is the Rev. S.E. Tyndall. He was ordained by the Rowan Baptist Association on August 22, 1978.

He formerly pastored the Star of Bethel Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N.C., and he has also pastored the New Bethel Baptist Church, Morganton, N.C. He was affiliated with the Western Piedmont Community College (Department of Corrections, Western Correctional Center). He served as an assistant teacher at Atkins High School, Winston-Salem, N.C. He also served as vocational counselor and Director of Recreation at the Instructional Center, Winston-Salem Recreation Department.

He has been active in numerous professional, civic and religious organizations. He was active in Y.M.C.A., church youth groups and high school sports. Collegiate activities consisted of football, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Campus Ministers Association, and Burke County Branch, N.A.A.C.P., serving as vice president.



Weaver Banquet — Center, Dr. and Mrs. Weaver and son being honored.

Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress Oratorical Contest Winners



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Junior Division Winners



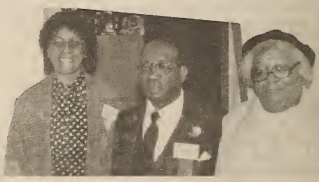
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GBSC Officers who witnessed statewide Congress Oratorical Contest in Winston-Salem, N.C. at Shiloh Baptist Church. Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

February 1988

6	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. Baptist Headquarters
6-7	Baptist World Alliance Day
13	One-Day Session SS and BTU Congress, Fayetteville, N.C. Cumberland County Arena
13	Mission Training Conference: "Proclaim Justice" Shaw Divinity School Raleigh, N.C.
14-17	Shaw University, Religious Emphasis Week
27	One-Day Session Usher's Convention, Charlotte, N.C.

March 1988

12	Laymen's Study Commission District #2 and Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m. First N. West, Charlotte, N.C.
21-23	Shaw Divinity School Annual Pastor's Conference
21	Shaw Divinity Founders' Day Theological Convocation Raleigh, N.C.
26	Woman's State Convention, Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m. Baptist Hdqtrs.
26	Woman's State Convention, Executive Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m. Conference Room
27	PALM SUNDAY

Tribute To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Martin Luther King: Prophet Of Freedom & Equality"

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw,
President, Shaw University



Authentic life needs a blueprint to validate its authenticity. For Christians, this blueprint appears in scripture. Analysis of scripture reveals two crucial aspects of authentic life — freedom and equality. Both Creation and Redemption declare that freedom and equality constitute God's plan for His people. Indeed, true personhood demands that one must be able to choose one's destiny (freedom), and be given equal opportunity with everyone else to actualize what one chooses, (equality).

The story of Creation in the Book of Genesis describes a common ancestry of all mankind. God made man from the dust of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life and man became a living soul. This succint paraphrase of the Creation story reduces all human beings to creaturehood, passive receptacles of divine activity; brought from nothingness to form and life. As common creatures, none had voting rights over others; none could claim educational opportunities over others; none could claim residential privileges over others, for Eden was their home.

The story of Creation accentuates not only equality of all, but freedom for all. Adam and Eve were free to choose. Of course, initially they chose the path of disobedience, but they were free to choose. They were free to rear a family without unnecessary constraints. They were free to conquer or rule over the earth, to replenish it, to improve it, to move upon it without humanly established barriers.

As with Creation, so also is the case with Redemption. Again we observe divine activity on behalf of man, activity that declares all human beings equal. All have sinned or deviated from the divine plan, thus all needed salvation. There is equality of disobedience which required equality of forgiveness. God's divine plan to save humanity revolves around the cross. There is only one method, one path to eternal life and that is the way of the cross.

Riches, power, class privileges, nationality, geography, all are insignificant in light of the cross. Throughout the ages, human beings have tried several methods to overcome finitude and death, but scripture declares that there is one way, the way of the cross. So, God's blueprint defined by Creation and Redemption mandates that races, nationalities, individuals are equal and invested with freedom to choose their destinies.

Throughout history, however, humanity indulges itself in the ritual of defiance to God's blueprint. Nations subdue and rule over other nations. Some races declare themselves superior to others. Rights to control and determine other's destiny have been claimed. Wealth, privileges to vote, to own property, to achieve educational benefits have been arrogated to some, while others are destined to languish in poverty and peripheral existence. Thus, God's two crucial gifts to humanity — freedom and equality — are withheld from the powerless.

America represents the most recent example of the struggle for human freedom and equality. Every black American has experienced humiliating results of prejudice which is predicated on racial superiority. Whether this experience comes from disenfranchisement, economic inequities, geographical zoning, or by educational opportunities, all minorities have had revolting experiences in the wake of prejudice.

In fighting this insiduous evil, none stands taller than Martin Luther King. Feeling the pangs of prejudice while only a school boy in Georgia, young Martin, after discussing the problem with his father, vowed to fight this evil in America. To seal his resolve to fight the results of race prejudice, young King changed his name to Martin Luther King following the footsteps of the great 16th century Protestant Reformer.

History testifies to Dr. King's prophetic leadership in this titanic struggle to gain for all Americans God's blueprint for authentic personhood — freedom and equality. Whether in writing from the Birmingham jail, leading the march on Selma, Alabama, or addressing the thousands who marched on Washington, Dr. King's message is "Let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream." In his "I Have A Dream Speech" in Washington, August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King declared his vision of God's blueprint for humanity:

> Now is the time to rise up from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlight path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the door of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood . . . This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality . . . We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

In challenging America to let freedom ring over its mountains and planes, its cities and hamlets, King was indeed God's prophet of freedom and equality. Today, as we enjoy certain degrees of freedom and equality, we should pause to celebrate the memory of this great prophet. But as we experience continuing pockets of injustice and unfreedom, we must rise to finish the noble work of social reconstruction Martin Luther King began. Indeed, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

New Year Greetings And Thank You

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of Unions, Conventions and members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

My prayer to God for you is that the year 1988 will hold for you and the members of your churches a measure of cooperation, growth, peace and success.

Many thanks to you in advance for the support and cooperation that I know you will give in promoting the rank of our Convention.

We must continue to keep before you the commitment to support the Unified Program with the Unified Dollars as well as the Auxiliaries: the Woman Convention, the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress, the Ushers and the Laymen League.

As we seek to realize our financial goal which is almost $2 million, we have sent to you a letter asking you to do one of two things:

1. lead your church to give 10 percent of its budget to the Unified Program, or

2. accept the suggested quotas for the General Baptist State Convention and the quotas for the Woman's Convention, the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress, the Ushers' Convention and the Laymen League.

We urgently encourage you to send monthly contributions in order for our office to meet monthly obligations. With your support, cooperation and commitment, we hope to have a banner year in 1988.

As we attempt great things for the Lord, we can expect great things from the Lord.

The heartbeat of the Christian Church is missions. Jesus commissioned the church in Matthew 28:19-20 to: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Church has a world-wide concern, according to the teaching of the New Testament, the Church was born on the Day of Pentecost when the power of the Holy Ghost descended upon the waiting congregation and united people without reservation. In this new fellowship, young and old lived together without friction, rich and poor were united without references to what they possessed, and there was a new kinship among the people of God which transcended misunderstanding. The Church must be involved with its local and community projects, and it must also be concerned with everybody from everywhere.



Dr. C.C. Craig

The ministers of the Gospel must never take lightly their high calling. They must keep open the channels of divine and human fellowship and keep the cleansing stream of grace flowing full and free.

The gospel preachers must be faithful to the task and proclaim the gospel of Christ in this hour of chaos and corruption. The truth is, if gospel ministers hold their peace and the tongues of the people of God are hushed, God through nature will find a way to in-tune the message of salvation, and silent rocks will preach and lend their support to missions, sleeping stones will proclaim the eternal gospel, and floods will clap their hands for joy. The staff members at Baptist Headquarters join me in wishing for you and members of your families and churches a New Year of happiness far beyond your expectations.

Remember Me?

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for Justice.

I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives.

I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.

I flourish at every level of society.

My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

I am nobody's friend.

Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never quite the same.

I topple governments and wreck marriages.

I ruin careers, cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion.

I spawn suspicion and generate grief.

I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. Office gossip. Shop gossip. Party gossip. Church gossip. Convention gossip. I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself, is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not—shut up.

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3. Prepare financial statements on the full acrrual basis method of accounting for presentation at Executive/Board Meetings.

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7. Coordinate other internal administrative duties (i.e. time sheets, payroll, general office operations) as directed by the Executive Secretary/ Treasurer.

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Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
Dr. Harold Diggs, Pastor

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4. My Three (3) basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind to introduce, to forerun, and be a doorkeeper.

5. I will strive to remain tactful and proficient.

6. I am aware of my role as an Usher. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in this role. All Ushers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership.

7. I know my congregation and I will always place their needs above my own.

8. I will communicate with my fellow Ushers and never leave them uninformed.

9. I will earn the respect and confidence of all my peers as well as that of my Church congregation.

10. I will be loyal to those whom I serve, leaders, peers, and subordinates alike.

11. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of instructions.

12. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral Christian courage.

13. I will not forget nor will I allow my fellow Ushers to forget that we are Christians who welcome new members, greet visitors and worship under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

SHAW UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

February 14-17, 1988

Dr. Jerry Moore, Pastor
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Guest Speaker — You Are Invited To Attend All Sessions On The Shaw University Campus.

Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress

Fayetteville, N.C.
Cumberland County Arena
February 13, 1988, 8:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

". . .Let My People Go, That They May Serve Me."

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

Glory be to God and thanks to all of you for last year's support!

How blessed we are to find ourselves in a new year and to have the Spirit of Christmas yet with us! Though we have entered a new year, let us not forget some things such as the M.L. King, Jr., Holiday, the 1988 One-Day Session (WBH&FMC Mid-Year Session), and our commitment to our objectives: **Foreign Missions, $40,000.00; Shaw University, $44,000.00; Shaw Divinity School, $30,000.00; Central Children's Home, $31,000.00; Baptist Assembly, $15,000.00;** and **State Missions, $327,401.00,** resulting in **a total of $487,401.00.**

Please remember to make all checks payable to the **Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. and not to the objective(s) or individuals. However, please indicate on the memo or for line the name of the objective(s) or the appropriate explanation.**

In attending New Year Eve and Emancipation Proclamation Services, I heard two scriptural gems which may be tucked away in our mental generator as we begin yet another year on the journey of missions. Respectively, they are (1) His grace is sufficient and (2) ". . .Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me." The first words remind us and inspire our hearts, for we know, though we (unaware of pleasant and unpleasant events) begin a new year, that His grace is available, is able to and will sustain us in that the battle's victory is not ours but His. Consequently, we can accept and do accept our mantle of service in His missions for this new calendar year.

The second words remind us that God forbade Death to stretch forth his cold and still hand of silence in our presence so that we could live another year to serve Him. Now that God has given us another year to live, what shall we, His people, do? How can we serve Him to maximum degree and not continue to learn of the Mind of Jesus through study (institutes, conferences, retreats, Youth Bible Camp — Will we commit ourselves to attend these this year?) Learning helps to sharpen or develop our skills for utilization of our talents and gifts in His service. How can we serve Him and not witness for Him (Youth Evangelism Conference, Family Missions Conference — Will we commit ourselves to attend these this year?) Witnessing gives substance to our service. How can we serve Him and not pray to Him (our seasons of prayer and Missions Prayer Day — Will we commit ourselves to pray more this year?) Prayer expresses our sincere desires to God and keeps us mindful of being in the presence of God through Jesus Christ. How can we serve Him and not worship Him (our annual and one-day sessions — Will we commit ourselves to worship more this year?) Worship gives inspiration for His service through us. How can we serve Him and not give in his name (Foreign Missions, State Missions, Baptist Assembly, Central Children's Home of N.C., Shaw University, and Shaw Divinity School — Will we commit ourselves to give more to these this year?) Giving makes us more conscious of the greatest Giver who gives us physical and spiritual life.

Why then have our physical lives been spared for another year? His grace is sufficient. ". . .Let my people go, that they may serve me."

Another Year

Another year is but another call from God
To do some deed undone and duty we forgot;
To think some wider thought of man and good,
To see and love with kindlier eyes and warmer heart,
Until, acquainted more with him and keener eyed
To sense the need of man, we serve
With larger sacrifice and readier hand our kind.

— Anonymous

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS!

Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC The 1988 Calendar

JANUARY
(Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS)
9 — The Mid-Year Session

FEBRUARY
(Prayer Month for NATIONAL MISSIONS)

APRIL
(Prayer Month for FOREIGN MISSIONS)
3 — Easter
9 — State-Wide Leaders' Workshop

MAY
7 — Ministers' Wives Retreat

JUNE
4 — Young Adults' Retreat
6-10 — Leadership Training Conference
12-17 — First Week of Youth Bible Camp
19-24 — Second Week of Youth Bible Camp
25 — MISSIONS PRAYER DAY
26-July 1 — Third Week of Youth Bible Camp

JULY
15 — All Baptist Picnic
25-28 — Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and All Baptist Assembly

AUGUST
(Prayer Month For the FAMILY)
29 — Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

SEPTEMBER
5-11 — National Baptist Convention, USA
24 — Family Missions Conference

OCTOBER
(Prayer Month for SHAW UNIVERSITY and THE DIVINITY SCHOOL)
8 — Institute Workers' Workshop

NOVEMBER
5 — Youth Evangelism Conference
7 — World Day of Prayer (WBA-Woman's Dept.)
24 — Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER
25 — Christmas Day

ATTENTION!

CANCELLATION!!!!

The Mid-Year Session for WBH&FMC January 9, 1988, was cancelled because of inclement weather. On April 9, 1988, the Mid-Year Session will be combined with State-Wide Leaders' Workshop. This meeting will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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By
Dr. Leo Williams Jr.

Mark your calendars now! Get ready to experience some significant and exciting activities! You are invited and urged to attend the One Day Session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress to be held at the Cumberland County Arena, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Saturday, February 13, 1988. The State Congress is constantly progressing in its endeavor to lead its constituency in viable programs of Bible Teaching and Church Training. It is in the process of implementing another mile stone this year as it moves under the leadership of one set of officers and a Dean of Instructions. Your presence, participation, and support are much needed ingredients to make this progressive move successful.

Each pastor and church members are asked to please observe the following items of information: 1. Preparation and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Individual registration is $3.00 per person. Registration checks are to be made separately from church contributions. 2. Each church is asked to please make a contribution of $140.00 for the year, made payable to the General Baptist State Convention. 3. The opening assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. and close at 1:15 p.m. No lunch break. 4. The theme is "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task: Stewardship." 5. Two special workshops, the installation of officers, the theme discussion, executive and presidential directives, recognitions, awarding of certificates, our State Christian Education Program, greetings, a special sermon, and reports will be some of the highlights of the session. 6. The Youth Department will have a period, to meet for separate deliberations, of one hours or more. 7. Presidents of district and local conventions are asked to please communicate with pastors and church officers by duplicating any materials sent to them in order to get the word around to everybody. 8. Please load up your cars, your vans, your buses, and other forms of transportation with pastors, ministers, officers, Superintendents, Directors, Teachers, Pupils, and Church Members, and come to Cumberland County Arena, Fayetteville, for the One Day State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Saturday, February 13, 1988. 9. Mr. Cedric Jones of Charlotte is Congress President. 10. The Reverend Carl Brinkley and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Fayetteville will serve as leading host for the session.

Thank You Kindly.

Greenville '88
National Baptist Convention Of America 108th Mid-Winter Board

Greetings Pastor:

The 108th Mid-Winter Board will be meeting in Greenville, S.C., Feb. 29-March 3, 1988, at the Hyatt Regency. We are proud that the convention chose our fair city for this meeting. We hope and pray that you will be able to attend and get a blessing from it.

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Dr. Howard L. Mitchell, a native of Gates County, was born in the family of Rev. and Mrs. C.S. Mitchell on Jan. 1, 1908. He answered the call to "come home" on Sunday, Dec. 6 about 2:00 o'clock a.m.

He received his high school training at Waters Training School at Winton. He graduated from Shaw University in 1933. Over the years he did further study at Tuskegee and Hampton Universities; Fellowship Center, Wallingford, PA; North Carolina State University and Virginia Union University. He studied Aging in all of its aspects, at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, and A&T University, Greensboro.

He pastored New Hope Baptist Church of Gatesville 45 years. He pastored Union Branch Baptist Church of Corapeake 46 years. He pastored Mill Neck Baptist Church of Como 53 years. He was a devoted family man.

He followed his father as Gates County Agricultural Extension Agent who was the second Negro Agricultural Extension Agent in North Carolina. He served in this position from Nov. 15, 1933, until June 30, 1965. He experienced a number of rewards for 4-H Club Members and Adult Farmers. He continued as minister during these years, having been ordained to the gospel ministry June 13, 1933.

Rev. Mitchell has been the recipient of many citations and awards. He received the Distinguished Service Award from Shaw University; The Certificate of Merit from the North Carolina Council of Churches; the Governor's Citation for Contributions to the Total Development of North Carolina. In 1972, Shaw University conferred on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. Mitchell has served on the following boards: Shaw University Trustee Board; Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board; Executive Board of Roanoke Association; Executive Committee and Board of the General Baptist State Convention; Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging; N.C. Senior Citizens' Federation, Inc.; Governor's Conference on the Quality of Life for Senior Citizens; The North Carolina Health Systems Agency Governing Board; Executive Committee and Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, USA; Moderator Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, two terms; North Carolina Health Coordinating Council; Chairman, Gates Co. Democratic Party, two terms.

At his death, Rev. Mitchell was Board Chairman of the N.C. Senior Citizens' Federation; First Vice President of The General Baptist State Convention, having been elected to this office in the convention's annual meeting at Asheville in 1986. He was presented the Nathan R. Yelton Award in 1986 for his work with Senior Citizens by the N.C. Council on Aging at their annual meeting in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Mitchell, over the years, has preached hundreds of funerals in many churches and gained the reputation as a funeral preacher par excellence; he has married many, many couples and baptized in rivers and pools those who accepted Jesus Christ under his leadership. He has preached well over a thousand sermons and was often heard to say: "Wake me up at midnight and I will be ready to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

His beloved wife, Elise, was his constant companion and his helpmate in all of the work that he did. They were a working team and received great joy in serving the Lord together. They made three educational tours to the Holy Land and he had the privilege of preaching both the Sea of Galilee and in Jerusalem.

Surviving him are his wife of over 44 years, two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren, two sisters, many nieces, nephews and a host of devoted friends.

Shaw Divinity School — NEWS

Fullwood Appointed Director of Church Relations And Alumni Affairs



Rev. Alfonza Fullwood

By
Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman Shaw Divinity School
Board of Trustees

Reverend Alfonza Fullwood, former Assistant Director of Development and Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, Shaw Divinity School, was recently appointed Director of Church Relations and Alumni Affairs.

The position, Director of Church Relations, is a new one at the Shaw Divinity School, and Rev. Fullwood is the first to hold it. He succeeds Dr. Joseph C. Paige as Director of Alumni Affairs.

Rev. Fullwood is a native of Southport, North Carolina. He received his early childhood, intermediate and high school education in the public schools of Brunswick County, graduating from South Brunswick High School in Boiling Springs Lake, Southport.

Rev. Fullwood has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Shaw University, and a Bachelor of Theology degree and has completed requirements for the Master of Divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School.

Rev. Fullwood is pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia. Former pastorates include First Baptist Church of Southport, and Island Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Bolivia.

He joined the Shaw Divinity School staff in 1985 as Assistant Director of Development and Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, positions he held until recent appointment.

Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President of the Divinity School, had words of praise for Rev. Fullwood.

"I am especially pleased that the Board of Trustees approved my recommendation that Rev. Fullwood be promoted to Director of Church Relations and Alumni Affairs. He was my personal choice for the joint position which I created with him in mind," Headen said.

Dr. Headen described Rev. Fullwood as a "hard and dedicated worker." Headen said that Fullwood was "a team player, par excellence," adding that he is "truly committed to the continuing growth and development of Shaw Divinity School."

Headen said that it had been his good fortune to work with Rev. Fullwood as a colleague for the past two years. "He was also one of my best students in the Master of Divinity program," Headen added.

Dr. Headen said that he played a major role, with Dr. Paige, in bringing Rev. Fullwood to the Divinity School in the first place. "He was our mutual choice for the development position." Headen said, and "I am proud of the decision to bring him on board."

Dr. Headen said that as Director of Church Relations, Rev. Fullwood will be responsible to him for coordinating and developing church relations and support throughout North Carolina and the nation, adding that Fullwood's initial concentration will be in the State of North Carolina.

"He's brilliant. He loves Shaw Divinity School. He's an excellent preacher. People love him. He inspires others. He is good for Shaw Divinity School at this time," said Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Executive Vice President.

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I feel Rev. Fullwood "effective, dedicated and promising," adding that he was a "real plus for the Divinity School at this time."

Commenting on his appointment and promotion, Rev. Fullwood stated that he considered it "a privilege and honor to be associated with the Shaw Divinity School at this time," and that he welcomed the challenge.

Rev. Fullwood is married to the former Marlene Delois Parker. They have three children, Kendra, Ebony and Cedric.

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Filling Hungry Women With Good Things

"My soul proclaims your greatness, O my God, and my spirit has rejoiced in you, my Savior, For your regard has blessed me, poor, and a serving woman. . .you have put down the mighty from their seat, and have lifted up the powerless. You have filled the hungry with good things. . ." Luke 1:46-48, 52-53.

I want to tell you how to help thousands of hungry people in the world without leaving your hometown, without spending any money, yet while following the example of Jesus Christ who put his faith into action for poor people.

By holding an Offering of Letters in your church this year, you could help poor women in developing countries to produce more food for their families. Throughout the Third World, women produce 40 to 80 percent of their nation's food. They put in two-thirds of the world's working hours, but receive only one-tenth of the world's income. In past years, U.S. foreign aid dollars for Third World food production have been largely directed to men. If more women benefit from this development assistance, more food could be produced.

Successful Women in Africa

Balu Kamara is a farmer in Sierra Leone in West Africa where farming *is* often difficult, particularly for women. She is a respected leader of the women's tribal society and serves as the leader of a basket cooperative that enables women to continue farming.

In Sierra Leone, women who farm have little money and must take out loans to buy seed rice and pay for the use of oxen. The price of rice is so low, though, that at the end of the growing season, the women do not earn enough money to repay their loans. Yet, the women must stretch their resources to feed their families regardless of the hardships.

To pay their debts, many of the women forced a collective in which they make and sell baskets. This cooperative generated enough money to help them pay back their loans and to continue farming.

Women like Balu must not be overlooked by appropriate development assistance. And if Congress passes the Women in Development bill being proposed by Bread for the World in 1988, U.S. government funds to programs promoting economic aid targeted to women will be increased.

How Your Church Can Help

Consider holding an Offering of Letters Campaign one Sunday. An Offering of Letters is an act of faith in which Christians write letters to their elected officials to affect public policy on hunger. By writing letters as part of a worship service — by "offering" letters much like we make a financial offering — we are putting our gifts and talents to work in a way we understand to be consistent with God's will for the world.

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

And these Offerings do work! In 1986, Bread for the World worked to increase the Child Survival Fund for the immunization of Third World children. More than 800 churches held Offerings nationwide and more than 60,000 letters were written. The result? Congress doubled the funding for this program, adding an additional $3.75 million. This increase would not have occurred without this avalanche of letters. In effect, each letter written was the equivalent of a $500 donation toward ending hunger. And according to one member of Congress, "Someone who sits down and writes a letter about hunger. . .almost literally has to be saving a life. . ."

Just before Christmas, Bread for the World was able to lobby Congress for an additional $73 million for the supplemental feeding program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in the United States. In the present atmosphere of budget cuts and stock market crashes, this was a truly remarkable victory that will help prevent malnutrition and combat high infant mortality rates in our nation. Passage of the WIC Food for Life bill was the result of thousands of Christians and hundreds of churches working together!

God Upholds The Powerless

In the gospel according to Luke, Mary, the mother of Jesus, praises God for favoring people labeled by society as lower class. She is joyful because God has blessed her, a "poor and serving woman." Together, our letters to Congress can renew Mary's belief that God fills hungry people with "good things" and lifts up "the powerless" people in the world.

If you are interested in holding an Offering of Letters in your church this year for poor women in developing countries, call or write Cureton L. Johnson, Outreach Department Director, Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 20018; 202-269-0200.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

"People For The Arts Presents Cultural Event"

By Staff Writer
People For The Arts, Inc.

People For The Arts, Inc. will present in concert Willie Jordan-Williams, lyrico-spinto soprano and James Longmire, bass baritone on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

People For The Arts, founded by Jordan-Williams, Oct. 19, 1981, consists of a distinguished roster of individuals across North Carolina who are volunteering their time and efforts along with the founder to expose the general public to the cultural arts. Among the variety of activities that include youth talent exhibitions, church music workshops, the "commemorating Our Black Heritage In The Cultural Arts lecture/exhibit" and "socializing in the cultural arts" annual Christmas gathering is the annual Raleigh Memorial Auditorium concert and art exhibit series which began on May 8, 1981. According to the organizational representative, Gladys S. Watlington of Raleigh, the 1988, "patrons of the arts" consist of the support of leaders (ministerial, social, civic), housewives, missionaries, school personnel (public and private) and persons in other diversity of occupations representing — counties and — areas in North Carolina.

Our 1988 performing artists are a unique combination of artistry who operate as the Jordan-Longmire Partnership. Willie Jordan-Williams, with an earned Bachelor of Science degree in vocal music education, Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) and a master of arts degree in music (performance), Eastern Michigan University, is a native of New Bern and a resident of Raleigh. As executive director of People For The Arts, this artist's reputation has soared as performer, educator, lecturer, writer, speaker and arts organizer. This recognition earned her the honor as one of the first recipients of the Raleigh Medal of Arts presented by the City of Raleigh Arts Commission in March, 1985 and the Arts Award and Induction into the Academy of Women sponsored by the YWCA of Wake County in November, 1986. The artist is also credited for her outstanding European experiences with the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz/Styria/Austria during the summer of 1980. James Longmire, with an earned Bachelor of Science degree in vocal music education, St. Augustine's College and a master of music degree in vocal pedagogy, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is a native of Willow Spring, and a resident of Raleigh. As Vocalist-in-Residence at St. Augustine's College since 1984, this artist is rapidly earning the reputation as a "master teacher of voice." His acclaim has won him the respect of colleagues and students alike as he performs, lectures, teaches and serves as choral director at many of the area churches, schools, colleges and universities. Noted performances are best known by the audiences of the North Carolina Bach Festival, the Raleigh Oratorio Society and the North Carolina Symphony. The artist is the 1986 recipient of the Personal Achievement Award presented by the YMCA of Wake County. In the words of the Partnership's spokesman, Longmire describes their association as "a collaborative team to promote quality and expressive singing that can and will serve as a role model for our youth to develop their God-given talents as musicians." The singers will be accompanied by Pianist, Annette Bandy, a faculty member of Mt. Olive and St. Augustine's Colleges and an outstanding musician in her own right.

The advance general admission sale for this historic event will begin on Friday, Jan. 8, at the Raleigh Civic Center Box Office. The cost of the tickets is $6 per person. For further information, call the civic center box office at (919) 755-6011 or People For The Arts at (919) 834-6870 or 832-3148.

The Minnie M. McMillan Art Exhibit, that features the solo works of McMillan and other outstanding North Carolina visual artists, will be presented in the outer lobby of the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The artist is Professor of Art at Raleigh's Shaw University.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastor:

We need every ounce of your support and cooperation as we seek to meet our financial monthly obligations to our Objectives, Headquarters expenses, staff payroll, utilities, upkeep of the Baptist Headquarters, materials for recording and printing, etc., along with our quarterly payment on the note at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. With your monthly contributions for State Missions along with a contribution for the other objectives, we can re-establish and maintain our credibility as a viable Baptist group.

I urge you as a loyal pastor of our State Convention to put forth every effort to send a monthly contribution to the Baptist Headquarters.

Lent 1988

John R. Brokholff, of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia, gives some helpful information that we need to know about Lent. He addresses himself to the following questions relating to Lent.

What is Lent?

Lent is a period of 40 days set aside by the universal church as a period of repentance for spiritual preparation for Easter. It begins as Ash Wednesday, the traditional day of repentance, and continues until Easter. Sundays are not counted as part of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from "lengthen," for the days are lengthening as Spring approaches.

When did Lent begin?

As early as 200 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Christians began to set aside 40 hours before Easter to fast as preparation for the feast of Easter. Later, the time was extended to seven days, known as Holy Week. By AD 325, the church officially set aside 40 days before Easter as a season of repentance and spiritual devotions.

Why Do Christians Observe Lent?

Christians voluntarily observe Lent as the spiritual emphasis season of the year. The key word is "repentance," meaning a change of mind, a turning about from Satan to God, a radical reorientation of one's personal life. Lent is observed because it is an opportunity to share in the passion of Christ; it is walking to Jerusalem to suffer and die with Him. Lent gives us an opportunity to practice self-denial, the bringing of one's self under strict control to be a better disciple of Christ. Lent brings us closer to Christ by concentrating upon the cross, what led to it, and what its deeper meanings are. Lent is observed because there cannot be a true and meaningful Easter without Lent. If there is no cross, there can be no crown. If there is no dying in Christ, there can be no raising with Him. Lent is observed because it calls for a closer walk with God and a deeper relationship with Christ through the cross.

Why fast during Lent?

Fasting is an ancient and biblical practice of denying self for spiritual discipline. It means saying "no" to yourself. You may fast on food, drink or pleasure. The money saved by such fasting is given to the extension of God's kingdom through the church or charity. To truly fast, you must give up something that is very precious to you, that would be a sacrifice to give up. Think of what would be most difficult for you to give up for 40 days for Jesus' sake. Then make it your sacrifice to God as Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins. Fasting calls for self-discipline, self-denial, and self-sacrifice. Out of this period of fasting you emerge stronger in faith and clóser to Christ.

What is the theme of Lent?

During Lent we look at the cross. We go to Jerusalem with Jesus where he suffers and dies. We relive the tragedy of His last days and we share the experience of His agony of soul in Gethsemane. We shudder as we stand at the cross of His loyal few. To share in this experience we attend special lenten services, practice lenten devotions at home, increase our daily Bible reading, and give more time for prayer, meditation and reflection. As we keep the cross before our eyes for 40 days, we come to Easter with a new appreciation of God's love for us in Christ.

Why is Lent a serious time?

Lent is the most serious time of the church year. It is a time of questioning. Life or death questions are asked of Jesus as He gets closer to the cross: Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? Is there a resurrection? What is the greatest commandment? Who is the Christ? It is also a time for testing. Judas is tested and found wanting. Peter is tested for loyalty. Jesus' obedience to God is tested in Gethsemane. Lent is a time for tears, too. Judas was filled with remorse for his betrayal. Peter wept bitterly after his denial of his Lord. In sympathy, women wept for Jesus as He carried the cross to Calvary. Above all, Lent is a time for dying. It is time for being nailed to a tree, for having a crown of thorns put on His head, for the agony of thirst, for the desolation of loneliness, and for a spear in HIS side. This is a time that tries a man's soul.



Dr. C.C. Craig

What is the good of Lent?

Lent produces great fruit for the one who strictly observes it. It means great happiness resulting from living close to God during the 40 days. Through extra Bible reading, prayer and worship. Lent leaves us with a deeper faith. Because we fasted and denied ourselves, we have a new and deeper appreciation of Him and what He did for us. This results in gratitude, which motivates us to take up our cross daily and follow Him in loving service to our neighbor. Then Easter comes in all its glory, and we share in the victory of the resurrection because we, too, have risen out of death to life in Christ.

How do you get the good out of Lent?

Begin on Ash Wednesday with a program of spiritual development. This means taking ten minutes each morning and evening for a tryst with God. Spending the time thinking, meditating, praying and reading the Word. Before Lent begins, decide on what you will fast and stick to it through Good Friday. Climax the season by offering your sacrifices to God in a monetary equivalent on the day of Jesus' supreme sacrifice, Good Friday. Do not be content to worship as usual during Lent, but attend a lenten service during the week. Practice the presence of Christ in your daily life; in school, in the office, or at home. Since Christ died for all men, reach out each week to someone not attending church and invite at least one to go to church with you. There will probably not be time in your already busy life to add these additional practices. It means you will have to think through the priorities of your life and drop those things that are least important in your life. Can there by anything more important than your relationship with God in Christ?

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"We Have Come A Long Way"

Black history month is a very significant period in the black religious experience. It is a time of reflection, research, analysis and synthesis. As I look back over the history of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., I see more than ever how the hand of God has navigated our course through time. Our convention began after the Civil War ended. A small band of ex-slaves and ministers of the Gospel met and declared their intention of uniting their efforts to better prosecute the work of evangelism and kingdom building. It was at this meeting in 1867, at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., where the Rev. John Dew, was pastor (1865-1912), that the group organized the Educational and Missionary Convention.

Among those present at this first meeting were: the Revs. Edward Eagles, C. Johnson, William Warwick, L.W. Boone, B.B. Spicer. H. Grimes, John Washington, Charles Bryant, Sutton Davis, R.P. Harper, Stephen Parker, R.C. Carroll, W.A. Patillo, and Drs. N.F. Roberts, A.W. Peguese, S.N. Vass and Augustus Shepard.

It was in the same year that the white Baptists of North Carolina appropriated $500 to be given to the newly organized convention to be used for the institutional work of this convention.

Serving as president of the new body was Dr. C.W. Cartwright and vice president was G.D. Griffin.

The Rev. John Washington was the first missionary sent out by the convention, and the Rev. E.E. Eagles was the first missionary sent out by the American Baptist Publication Society employed to work among Negro Baptists in the state. The work of the Rev. F.R. Howell, the second missionary sent out by the state, met with so much enthusiasm that the Rev. P.F. Malloy was also placed in the field.

The Educational Missionary State Convention moved and progressed under this name until 1915.

Between 1908 and 1915, there were three conventions operating in the state. Realizing that the work of the Baptists could be more effective if all were working as one, a group of young men from the various conventions began to express a desire to bring the organizations together. Therefore, in 1915, at the Baptist State Convention meeting in New Bern at the Guilfield Baptist Church, Dr. C.C. Staton, pastor, a committee from the other groups proposed that the bodies consolidate. Among those on the committee were Dr. G.O. Bullock, Dr. A.W. Peguese, and Dr. R.R. Spiller.

Meeting at the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, with the late excongressman, H.P. Cheatham, presiding at this assembly, the bodies merged and took the name, "Union Baptist Convention of North Carolina," and the Rev. George D. Griffin of Hertford was chosen president.

It was in the forties that the name was changed from the "Union Baptist Convention" to the "General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc."

The Convention has grown from a humble beginning to more than 450,000 members; the budget has increased from less than $1,500 to more than $2,000,000. The GBSC has five major auxiliaries: The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congresses, the Usher's Convention and the Layman's League Convention. Also the Convention created the General Baptist Foundation, Inc., to help perpetuate its goals and objectives in December, 1983.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

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Thanks . . . Anyway

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

Usually in this month I express our (the Convention's) gratitude for your presence and its gifts at the Mid-Year or One Day Session. However, this year because of inclement weather our Convention did not meet on Saturday, Jan. 9, for this session. There has been many a year since this has happened, if it has happened ever, since this inception of this particular meeting, but perhaps it is that we must experience such events along our journey, lest we forget the almightiness of God whom we serve in this present age. Do not these, as well as other events, remind us that we are to worship and adore Him for Who He is and not merely for what He does for us? He is with us, but yet above us ("Be still and know that I am God."). Such a time gave us the opportunity to rest, to collect our thoughts, to meditate, to appreciate the fruition (love, fellowship, inspiration, information, sharing) which He causes to be among the Convention's constituency. (Some persons have expressed how much they missed out coming together and how they can hardly wait for one session to end and another begin.) Therefore, though we did not meet in body, perhaps we met anyway though such a meeting will escape the confines of our annals, and for this kind of manifestation can we be grateful and for God's keeping us through the ice and snow. Some of you sent your funds which you had planned to bring, and perhaps the others will send theirs very soon. Thanks!

The Mid-Year Session will be combined with the State-Wide Leaders' Workshop on Saturday, April 9, at the Raleigh Civic Center. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. However, please pre-register now for the workshop by sending two dollars ($2.00) per person so that you can pick up your kit without standing in long lines. Please begin making preparations to come in the Spirit and in great attendance so that you may be reminded and/or informed of your leadership responsibilities as well as receive inspiration. Please bring liberal contributions for the objectives. The Rev. Charles Tyner, 3rd Vice President (GBSC) and Pastor of White Oak, Apex, will be the preacher.

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Women, Faith & Health Care Justice:

A Conference

Nearly one-third of the people of North Carolina are uninsured or under insured for their health care needs. The ranks include working people as well as women, their children, and senior citizens living in poverty.

Individuals, churches, communities, and organizations are responding to these problems in a variety of ways. While there are efforts to improve access to adequate and affordable health care, many people are unaware of the problems or of how to help.

Women often assume their health care costs are covered until a catastrophic illness strikes a family member. While some may be fortunate and have all their health care costs covered, they may not understand the enormous holes in coverage for others.

A conference is being planned to address these issues:

Title: WOMEN, FAITH, & HEALTH CARE JUSTICE

Date: March 25-26, 1988

Times: 5:00-9:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday

Place: Presbyterian Church of Covenant, 501 South Mendenhall, Greensboro, NC

Expected number of participants: 150 to 200 people

Cost: $15.

The conference will involve a mix of religious leaders, women who have experienced gaps in our health care system, and organizations trying to solve these problems. The conference will educate participants and will urge them to become involved in efforts to expand access to health care.

Sponsors include:

The North Carolina Council of Churches Committee for Equal Rights

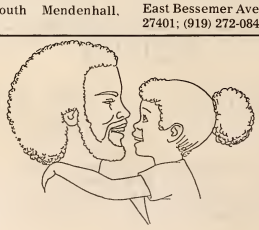
Church Women United in North Carolina

The Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South

North Carolina Fair Share

The conference will serve as the 1988 State Assembly of Church Women United in North Carolina and is made possible in part by a grant from the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial of the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church.

For more information: Women, Faith, & Health Care Justice, 200 East Bessemer Ave.; Greensboro, NC 27401; (919) 272-0844.



News From The East Cumberland Area Churches

"Ushering Workshop"

By Mrs. Luetta B. Williams, Regional Editor

When one speaks of ushering, it can be said that Eldria Hughes "wrote the book," and yes, the pun is intended, because Mrs. Hughes, in collaboration with Richard Cogdell, did compose an ushers guide entitled "Interdenominational Ushers Guide." Both of these authors are members of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville where the Reverend C.R. Edwards is pastor. Mrs. Hughes shared her expertise with the audience that gathered on Saturday, November 28, 1987 at Second Baptist Church for the third session of the newly-formed B.T.U. and Ushers Union: East Cumberland Extension. She held demonstrations on the correct and incorrect way that church ushers perform their duties on various occasions such as funerals.

Mrs. Hattie Fowler, a very active leader in her church, Friendship Baptist, substituted for Mr. Richard Cogdell, in helping the body to appreciate the jobs of church ushers. She shared with us the qualities needed by ushers and the various creeds that ushers live by. Mrs. Hughes also presented the ideas published in her book and others that she has updated.

The session was inspirational and educational. The response from the audience was positive. The resul are exactly what the organizers the East Cumberland Extension e pected — that is, the sharing of idea which trains leaders and inspire the novice. Lula Gainey of First Ba tist Stedman is the central o ganizer of this union. Officers f 1987-88 include, Secretary-Tre surer Geraldine Smith of Union Hi Baptist Church, Chairperson, Luett Williams of Second Baptist Churc and the Advisory Committee co posed of Napoleon Everette of Se cond Baptist, Addie Sims of Fallin Run Baptist Church, Henry William of First Baptist Stedman, Frederic Washington of Christian Light Ba tist Church and Ambrose McAlliste of Union Hill Baptist Church.

Our first training session for 19 will focus upon soul-winning. As o speaker teacher Reverend C.W. Pat the dynamic pastor of both Lake Chapel at Currie, N.C. and St. Joh at Maple Hill, N.C. will present th scriptural way to discipleship. Th Rev. Pate is a teacher through th Interdenominational seminary Goldsboro, N.C. The Middle Distri Association is blessed to have hi as a member of this great associ tion.

FOR GOD SO LOVED

FOR PREACHERS & PASTORS



Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month

The Weeping Church

By Rev. Terry Thomas
Pastor, First Baptist,
New Hill

I. Introduction

Jesus said, "among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist." This assertion about John the Baptist by Jesus, insinuates to me, as great as the patriarches were (Abraham, Issac, Jacob), as great as King David was, and as great as the major and minor prophets were, their prominence did not exceed that of John the Baptist. Jesus' great admiration for John the Baptist could be attributed to the belief that Jesus was probably a disciple of John the Baptist before he started his own ministry. This belief is based on the fact that Jesus came preaching the same message that John preached. John the Baptist was viewed by Jesus as a great person.

It was not an accident that John the Baptist became a great and unique prophet, because his greatness was predestine before he was born. John the Baptist was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, who were up in age when John was born. John the Baptist's birth was nothing less than a miracle. An angel of the Lord appeared unto Zechariah and said unto him, fear not for your prayer is answered, your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son and you shall name him John. He will be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before them in the Spirit and power of Elijah to make ready for the Lord a people prepared. So we see, John the Baptist was predestined to greatness before he was born; because God had planned his life and God gave John the Baptist the power to accomplish what he had been ordained to do. The scripture says, that he was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb.

The synoptic Gospels trace the beginning of John the Baptist's career, as one preaching in the wilderness of Judea. His preaching is characterized by the way he dressed and the food he ate. The Bible tells us that John the Baptist wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. John's radical attire, which probably grabbed the attention of people, was indicative of the radical message that he preached.

The preaching of John the Baptist is foretold as one crying in the wilderness. There are those who believe before John the Baptist, no prophet's voice had been heard for over four hundred years! After all of those years, hundreds of years, here comes John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. He was crying, "prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight." Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

Now as I examine the contents of John the Baptist preaching, I am convinced that his preaching contained a sense of urgency to a world in despair, a recognition of his limitation; while at the same time preaching a powerful and penetrating message about salvation.

The sense of urgency to a world in despair in John the Baptist's preaching lied in the fact that the people in the world were hopeless, destruction was inevitable; but it was urgent that the people recognize the sign of the time. Yes the world was in despair, but the kingdom of Heaven was at hand. God's kingdom was coming therefore repent and escape from the wrath that would eventually come. Back in those days when a king traveled from one city to another, he would send a messenger before him. The messenger had the responsibility of making sure that the path in which the king would travel was straight not only that, but he would go before the king into the city which the king was traveling to announce that the king was coming. This announcement placed a sense of urgency into the hearts of the people, therefore the town people cleaned streets and their homes. Jesus Christ who is the king of kings and Lord of Lords was coming to dwell in the hearts of men and women and John the Baptist was the messenger who went before Christ preparing the way, for the one born King of the Jews. Therefore, get ready, repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

John's recognition of his limitation and the powerful message about salvation can be discovered at the point where he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worth to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner: but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. So we see, the preaching of John the Baptist, who came crying in the wilderness, had sense of urgency to a desperate world, a powerful yet penetrating message about salvation; while at the same time, admitting his limitations.

Now as I viewed the role of John the Baptist, it left an impression on my mind about the church. The church to me, ought to be a voice crying in the wilderness. The church ought to be weeping for the sins of the world. **From where the church sits in its relationship to God and its association to man, the church should have a message with a sense of urgency to a world in despair, a powerful yet penetrating message about salvation; and at the same time admitting its limitations.**

II. The Weeping Church Must Preach Urgency To A World In Despair

When the church looks at the things that are happening in the world, what the church sees, ought to move the church to preach the gospel with a sense of urgency as if there was no tomorrow. What's going to happen to this world? We have apartheid in South Africa, another famine is on the rise in Ethiopia, people are dying innocently in Haiti simply because they want to vote; America! I must say that you have come a long way, but you still have your unwritten system of apartheid. The black male makes up 40% of the prison population here in America. We only make up 12% of the total population in America. Black men have a 1 in 21 chance of becoming homicide victims, where as white men have a 1 in 131 chance of becoming homicide victims. One-third of the black men who die between the ages of 20 to 24 are murdered. I read an article that shows a graft of the people in this country who are most likely not to receive a fair trial, the top two groups were, poor people and black people. When a black man wins a presidential debate and the media says he can win everything else, but he will never win the presidency, to me that's proof of an unwritten system of apartheid. The hearts of men and women, young and old, appear to be controlled by evil. What makes a man kill his entire family? Why would teenagers, when it appears they have everything to live for jointly agree to commit suicide? The world is in despair. Its condition is like a shop anchored at sea in the midst of a terrible storm. That's why the church must preach a message with a sense of urgency to a world in despair. This message of urgency that church much preach, is a message of repentance. We must cry out and tell the world to repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Not only must the church preach repentance, the church also must teach what it means to repent. Repenting first of all does not mean feeling sorry for oneself only. People often come to God for compassion and help during bad times, yet they have no intention of turning away from those things which created the bad times. It's not enough for white America to say I'm sorry and I feel sorry for the enslavement of black people; but white America must also bring forth fruits representing true repentance. True repentance brings on new responsibilities and commitments. James Cone defines repentance as a radical "reorientation of one's whole life and personality, which includes the adoption of a new ethical line of conduct, a forsaking of sin and a turning to righteousness." See, when a person repents, there's a Godly sorrow. Godly sorrow makes a person groan and moan for righteousness. Paul over in II Corinthians, 7 chapter describes the actions of the Corinthians after they repented upon receiving a letter from him. Here's a portion of that 7th chapter from the Living Bible:

"But the sorrow of the man who is not a Christian is not the sorrow of true repentance and does not prevent eternal death. Just see how much good this grief from the Lord did you. You no longer shrugged your shoulders, but became earnest and sincere, and very anxious to get rid of sin that I wrote about. You became frightened about what had happened and you went right to work on the problem and cleared it up. You have done everything you could to make it right." When one repents their heart and mind are turned to do the things of God. Because the world is in despair, the weeping church must preach with a sense of urgency and that message of urgency must be of repentance.

III. The Weeping Church Must Admit Its Limitations

John was keenly aware of the details of his calling, therefore, he knew what he could and could not do. John's contrasting of his baptism verse the baptism of Christ, in my opinion, was an acknowledgement of his limitation. The work of John the Baptist was very important, but his power was limited, for he said, "I'm simply a voice paving the way." The church has a big responsibility and a tremendous amount of power, but its power has a limit, the church can only do so much. The power of salvation does not lie in the hands of the church, the church can only direct and lead to one who holds the power of salvation. It is the churches' responsibility to make the path straight for Jesus Christ to come into lives of people. When we sing about our Lord, preach about his liberating Gospel, when we look to God for strength through prayer, when we give, love, and care about those whom the world frown upon; when we sacrifice ourselves for the good of mankind, we are paving the way for Christ to enter into lives of people. That's why we who are a part of the church must do our best as persons who are paving the way for our Lord. See the church cannot offer to have its work done carelessly, because when we who are a part of the church go about doing its work with a nonchalent attitude, that's our way of saying we don't care very much about our King. When ministers do not take the time to study to prepare themselves to preach and teach God's word, that's their way of saying we do not care much about our King. When church members are not interested in Christian Education, which will prepare them to be better disciples of Christ, that's their way of saying we do not care much about our King. Even though the churches'

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Shaw Divinity School — NEWS

McLeod And Edmunds Will Be Honored At The Shaw Divinity School Founders' Day Convocation



Ms. Lorine McLeod

Ms. Lorine McLeod, a member of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and Rev. Larry Edmunds, Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Woburn, Massachusetts, will receive honorary degrees at the Shaw Divinity School Founders' Day Convocation, to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 1988 in the new Shaw Divinity School Church at the old Highland Baptist Church property at Hilltop Drive and Old Garner Road, Raleigh.

Ms. McLeod, a well known religious activist, will receive the Doctor of Christian Letters Degree.

Ms. McLeod has been a member of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church for 42 years, where she has held numerous leadership positions.

Current positions at Lewis Chapel include: Chairperson of the Finance Committee; Principal of the Vacation Bible School; President of the Gospel Choir and Daughters of Zion Auxiliary; and Assistant General Superintendent of Sunday School.

Former positions at Lewis Chapel include: Sunday School Teacher for 25 years; Directress of the Training Union; and General Superintendent of Sunday School.

Ms. McLeod is President of the United Order of Tents, and a member of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees and one of the most active fundraisers on that Board.

She is Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Daughters of Zion Auxiliary of the Middle District Association, and a Bible Teacher of the Women's Auxiliary of the Union Baptist Association.

Ms. McLeod is past leader of Claretta Tent Pt. 141, past Deputy of the Fayetteville District of the United Order of Tents.

She is a member of the Fayetteville NAACP. Ms. McLeod is the widow of the late James McLeod.



Rev. Larry Edmunds

Rev. Larry Edmunds has been Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church since 1974. He is a well known pastor, theologian and social worker.

He graduated from Allegheny High School, Pennsylvania, in 1957 and received the A.B. degree from Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) in 1963.

Rev. Edmunds received the M.T.S. degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in 1972 and the M.Div. degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in 1982. In addition, he has completed advanced studies in social work at the University of Pennsylvania and Boston College.

His work experience in the Christian Ministry includes: Associate Pastor of Wharton Wesley VMC, Philadelphia; Coordinator of Interfaith Center, Salem State College; Advisor, Afro-American Society, Salem State College; former Moderator of the Adoniram Judson Baptist Association.

He is a member of the following organizations: Conference of Baptist Ministers of Massachusetts; Conference of Black Baptist Ministers of Greater Boston; The Reach Further Task Force; and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Rev. Edmunds is a members of the following Boards: Board of Campus Ministry, Adoniran Judson Association; North Shore Jewish Community Center; Committee on Review of the American Baptist Churches/Massachusetts; and the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

He is the founder and Board member of the North Shore Task Force Against Racism and Anti-Semetism.

Rev. Edmunds has held leadership positions in higher education at the following institutions: Salem State College, Simmons College, Gordon College and Lincoln University.

His work experience in social services include: Juvenile Probation Officer, Philadelphia; Community Developer, Philadelphia; Executive Director of the Germantown Community Youth Project; and YMCA Counselor.



The new modern 500-seat Shaw Divinity School Church at Rush Street near Old Garner Road in Southeast Raleigh.

Shaw Divinity School Annual Pastors' Conference, March 21-23

Dr. Thomas Hoyt, Dr. Miles Jones and Dr. William Shaw are Lecturers and Conference Preacher, Respectively.

The Shaw Divinity School proudly announces the observance of its Fifteenth Annual Pastor's Conference March 21, 22, 23, 1988 at Shaw Divinity School, 509 Hilltop Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Registration for the conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 1988, and the Conference will conclude around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 1988.

Registration and all sessions of the Conference will be held in the Shaw Divinity School Church. The cost of registration is $45.00.

The theme for 1988 is "THE DYNAMICS OF EFFECTIVE PREACHING."

Events of Shaw Divinity School's Annual Founder's Day and the Shaw Theological Alumni Association will be observed on **Monday, March 21, 1988.** At 11:00 a.m., The Shaw Divinity School's Sixth Annual Founder's Day Convocation will be observed. **At 1:00 p.m,** the Founder's Day Luncheon will be held. **At 7:00 p.m.** The Alumni-Founder's Day Banquet under the auspices of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association will be featured.

The lecture series and services of the Pastor's Conference will begin on Tuesday, March 22, 1988, at 9:00 a.m. The services of three outstanding pastors and/or educators have been secured.

Dr. Thomas Hoyt Jr. is a featured lecturer. Dr. Hoyt is Professor of New Testament, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Hoyt will deliver two lectures on "Biblical Preaching." His first lecture will be delivered on Tuesday, March 22, 1988, at 9:15 a.m.; his second lecture on Wednesday, March 23, 1988, at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. Miles J. Jones is a featured lecturer. Dr. Jones is Pastor of Providence Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. He will deliver two lectures on "Contemporary Preaching." His first lecture will be delivered on Tuesday, March 22, 1988, at 2:30 p.m.; his second lecture on Wednesday, March 23, 1988, at 10:25 a.m.

Dr. William J. Shaw is Conference Preacher. Dr. Shaw is Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Shaw will preach three sermons. His first sermon will be preached at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 1988 for the Shaw Theological Alumni Association's Theological Convocation. His second sermon will be delivered on Tuesday evening, March 22, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. His concluding message will be delivered on Wednesday, March 23, 1988, at 12:00 noon.

We have reserved rooms at three Raleigh motels.

THE RADISSON PLAZA — FAYETTEVILLE STREET MALL: 12 rooms at the Radisson at a flat rate of **$60.00 plus tax per night, single or double.**

#1 Single — $60.00 plus tax

#2 Double — $60.00 plus tax

THE ECONO-LODGE — HILLSBOROUGH STREET (across from Holiday Inn Downtown)

An unlimited number of rooms are available at The Econo-Lodge at the following per diem rates:

#1 Single — $31.27 tax included.

#2 Double — (two persons, two beds) $37.75 tax included.

#3 Double — (two persons, one bed) $34.51 tax included.

HOLIDAY INN — HILLSBOROUGH STREET.

Twenty rooms have been reserved at a flat rate of **$45.00 plus tax per night, single or double,** at the Holiday Inn Downtown but they must be guaranteed. You must call the Holiday Inn at (919) 832-0501 to make and guarantee your reservation. In order to secure the special rates indicated above you should inform Holiday Inn that you are attending the Shaw Divinity School's Pastor's Conference. **Reservations must be made by March 7, 1988.**

"We believe that we have developed a Conference of genuine relevance, intellectual depth, and spiritual vitality. We would be exceedingly pleased to have you join us. Please come," said Dr. James Z.

Please check your responses on the enclosed postal card and return it to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
James Z. Alexander
Dean of
Continuing Education

General Baptist Family Welcomes Shaw Divinity School to New Campus Home

By Vincent Foote

Historic Shaw Divinity School has a new campus home and the entire General Baptist family can feel a real sense of pride and genuine accomplishment.

The new campus site, just six minutes from the downtown campus of Shaw University, is the former Highland Baptist Church properties, and consist of a 500-seat modern sanctuary, a 25-room Education Building, a 150-seat Fellowship Hall, a Library building (the old sanctuary), three brick homes, and two paved parking lots on 3.4 acres of choice land.

The recent cash purchase of the property by Ms. Ida Wiggins, after several months of negotiation for lease to or purchase by the Shaw Divinity School was another blessing from God, not just for the Shaw Divinity School but for the entire General Baptist family, including Shaw University, The General Baptist headquarters and auxiliaries. It is a blessing for all of the publics served by the Divinity School and the General Baptist State Convention.

This modern facility will be available to the entire family for conferences, workshops, one-day sessions, etc. All will be encouraged to use it.

The Shaw Divinity School has been holding classes at Highland Baptist Church properties since January, 1988. They have taught Sunday School classes and held worship on Sunday's since February 28, and Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Services on Wednesdays since March 3rd.

An Area Religious Studies Center

If Dr. Gregory T. Headen has his way, the "new" Shaw Divinity School will become the premier theological studies and action center in the South, not just for Afro-Americans but for other racial and ethic groups as well.

"We are committed to continuing a tradition of quality and excellence in theological education," Dr. Headen said recently, adding "and we will accept nothing less than the best."

Headen stated that while the Divinity School will continue to strengthen its mission of preparing men and women for pastoral and other Christian ministries, it will also make a special effort to develop and strengthen two other unique distinctives of the historic institution: (1) programs and activities contributing to the globalization of theology, and (2) programs, activities and services advocating and contributing to the economic and political empowerment of blacks.

Globalization of Theology

Headen said that a major theme of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) is the globalization of theology. He said that Shaw Divinity School is "out front" and ahead of most of the theological seminaries in this area. He said that the Divinity School offers several courses and seminars designed specifically to satisfy its global commitment: Dialogue with People of Living Faiths, Global Implications of the Gospels, Survey of World Religions, World Missions, World Evangelism, Religion and World Diplomacy.

Headen said that Dr. Joseph C. Paige is a respected authority on world religions, internationally, and will conduct occasional workshops in ecumenism and global concerns.

Economic and Political Empowerment

Headen said that the Shaw Divinity School is probably the only graduate theological seminary in the country to make a genuine commitment to encouragement and advocacy of the economic and political empowerment of blacks, as a theological mandate.

"We can do more to help ourselves," Headen stated, "and we are advocating self-help as a basic strategy for economic advancement and self-sufficiency."



A side view of the 500-seat Shaw Divinity School Church and 25-room Education Building.

Headen stated the Divinity School believes that black progress, whether individual or corporate, is directly related to economic self-sufficiency and political empowerment and the black church can and must play a major role in this area.

A New Home for the Baptist Family

Dr. Headen emphasized that the Highland Baptist Church properties must be viewed as a new facility for the entire Baptist family.

Ms. Ida Wiggins is the wife of Dr. G. Franklin Wiggins, a member of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Board of Associates. Dr. Wiggins, the only son of Reverend A.M. Wiggins of Clayton, NC, is pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Peekskill, New York. Ms. Wiggins is a public school teacher.

Dr. Headen stated that the Divinity School will launch a major fundraising campaign to purchase the property from the Wiggins in 1988.

He stated that now the Baptist family can rightly claim the facilities of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University.

Headen said that Shaw University will be encouraged to used the beautiful 500-seat modern church as well as the classrooms and other facilities.

Headen said that hopefully, General Baptist State Convention auxiliaries will use the facilities for meetings, conventions, and other purposes.

"My prayers are that the new Shaw Divinity School facilities will become the religious center for Baptists in the State of North Carolina," Headen said.

One Year Goal Set for Burning Mortgage

Headen said that the goal is to burn the mortgage in one year. "We want to give Ms. Ida Wiggins all of her money back in one year," Headen said.

He said that the Wiggins bought the property and are merely holding it until Shaw Divinity School is able to purchase it. "We can purchase it from the Wiggins in 1988," Headen said.

Help Purchase The New Shaw Divinity School Campus

Individuals, Organizations and Churches Can Help Give At Whatever Level You Can Afford

The One-Year Brick Campaign: 1988

Please purchase bricks at $5 each. You will receive a beautiful certificate and, in addition, your name will be placed on a permanent scroll for display at all times.

The goal is to sell 3,000,000 bricks by December 31, 1988.

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Dr. Gregory T. Headen
President
Shaw Divinity School
P.O. Box 2090
Raleigh, NC 27602
Date: _____

Dear Dr. Headen:

I want to help Shaw Divinity School purchase the new campus and buy classroom furniture. I have enclosed my check or money order for $_____ for the purchase of _____ bricks.

Please send me the special "Certificate of Purchase," and my receipt for income tax purposes.

Name _____

Church or
Organization _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Buy a Piece of the New Shaw Divinity School Own a Piece of the Action

PEWS
For a donation of $500, we will place a beautifully designed "Donated by _____" Plaque on the pew with your name, church, organization or in memory of a loved one or friend.

ROOMS
For a donation of $10,000, we will name the room after you, your church, organization, etc., with a beautifully designed plaque, "Donated by _____."

FELLOWSHIP HALL
For a donation of $50,000, we will name the Fellowship Hall for you, your church, organization, company, etc. A beautifully designed plaque, "Donated by _____" will be appropriately placed in your honor.

LIBRARY BUILDING
For a donation of $75,000, we will name the Library for you, your church, organization, company, etc. A beautifully designed cornerstone, "Donated by _____" will be appropriately placed in your honor.

EDUCATION BUILDING
For a donation of $200,000, we will name the Education Building for you, your church, organization or company. A beautifully designed cornerstone, "Donated by _____" will be appropriately placed in your honor.

THE CHURCH
For a donation of $400,000, we will designate a second name of the Shaw Divinity School Community Church in your honor. We will place a new cornerstone with the wording: The Shaw Divinity School Community Church is also designated the _____ Memorial Chapel, in honor of _____. The Chapel was donated by _____.

We want you to own a part of us. By purchasing rooms, pews, bricks or some of our buildings, we hope to be able to buy the new campus from Mrs. Ida Wiggins by December, 1988.

Please help us. Please write or call me as soon as possible. I would like to discuss the Shaw Divinity School with you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Gregory T. Headen
President
Shaw Divinity School
P.O. Box 2090
Raleigh, N.C. 27602
(919) 832-1701

Attend The Shaw Divinity School Founders' Day Observances:

Sunday March 20, 1988:	The Annual Sara Leonard Tupper Memorial Banquet (7:00 p.m.)
Monday March 21, 1988:	**Founders Day** 10:30 a.m. — Graveside Service for Ms. Sara Tupper 11:00 a.m. — Founders' Day Convocation 1:00 p.m. — Founders' Day Luncheon 3:00 p.m. — Annual Meeting of the National Theological Alumni Association 7:00 p.m. — Annual Alumni-Founders' Day Banquet
March 21-23, 1988:	The Annual Pastors Conference

NOTE: Activities will be held at the New Shaw Divinity School Campus at Rush Street and Hilltop Drive, near Old Garner Road.

Tear off and Mail

TO: Dr. Gregory T. Headen

I would like to discuss "buying" some of The Shaw Divinity School with you. Please call me at _____ between the hours of _____ and _____ as soon as possible.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Thomas

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power is limited, we cannot under estimate the power that we have. We cannot consider the power which has been given to church as something cheap, it must be viewed as a costly possession, therefore, it must be handled with great dignity, honor and care.

IV. The Weeping Church Must Preach A Powerful Message Of Salvation

Even though the world may be in despair and it appears as if there is no tomorrow, and the power of the church may not be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, yet one of the primary duties of the church is to offer hope to a world in despair. The church must let the world know that there is a balm in Gilead. We must tell those who are hopeless about the healing and liberating gospel of Jesus Christ, which is powerful and it has the ability to penetrate the hearts of men and women. The gospel of Jesus is penetrating because it breaks through the barrier of sin which holds us in bondage and it is powerful because it can lead a person to salvation. The gospel of Jesus Christ is powerful, yet penetrating because it also, destroys and rebuilds at the same time. John said he will baptize you with the fire and the Holy Ghost. The fire comes to destroy those things which prevent us from being what God intended for us to be. This powerful, yet penetrating message about salvation that the church must preach contains the power the people of the world need in order to rise up above those things which are keeping them in bondage. It was this powerful yet penetrating Gospel that enable our fore-parent to raise up and say, "Oh freedom, Oh freedom over me, and before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave and go home to my Lord and be free." It was this same powerful yet penetrating Gospel, which enabled Rose Park to say, I'm not going to move. It was this same powerful penetrating gospel which enabled Dr. King to say, "I ain't gonna let nobody turn me around. I'm going to keep on marching, keep on fighting, walking, up Kings highway." It will be this same Gospel that will take Shaw Divinity to higher, and higher and higher heights, so the world may know there is a Savior and he is sweet I know.

V. Conclusion

Yes the weeping church must preach a message of urgency to a world in despair, it must preach a powerful yet penetrating message about salvation, while at the same time, admitting its limitations. The weeping church must do this, because Jesus is coming back to rapture his church. When he comes the Eastern sky shall burst wide open, and Jesus will appear in the clouds. When the first trumpet sounds the dead in Christ shall rise, those of us who are yet alive will be caught up in the twinkling of an eye, then, we will all meet Jesus in the air.

General Baptist Authors Announce Most Recent Books

The Christian Communion As Related To The Jewish Passover And Monetary Stewardship

By
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Afro American

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'how.' " That is why Jesus, at predawn and post-midnight, could pray, "not my will, but thine be done." Jesus knew that God's will carried instruction on the how. My soul looks back and wonders . . . How . . .

Swiftly our today's challenge becomes only historical posterity. There is too much to be accomplished for Afro-Americans to bathe in the rich beauties of our heritage. H. Rap Brown said, "I am not 23 anymore and it would be foolish for me to act like I was." Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X are gone; Stokely Carmichael, Angela Davis and Eldridge Cleaver have different agendas now. We have a responsibility of setting the present agenda; that agenda, that urgent agenda needs to be convinced, carried and delivered now.

It used to be Jackie Wilson, Sam Cooke and Otis Redding, but now it's Luther Vandross, Freddie Jackson and Run DMC.

It used to be Queen Aretha Franklin, but now she has had to pass the crown to the new queen, Whitney Houston.

It used to be Ike and Tina Turner, but now it is only Tina.

It used to be the Brown Bomber and Sugar Ray Robinson; Muhammad Ali is no longer floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee; time and circumstance gingerly overtakes us, and now it is Mike Tyson and Michael Spinks.

It used to be Jesse Owens, but now, today it is Carl Lewis, tomorrow who?

My brothers and sisters, you cannot dance, sit, smoke, sing, nor pray your precious time away. Our future is not predicated upon our history, but our present tomorrow. There have been many magnanimous changes in our society, some by the **Actus Purus** of God, others are **De Facto**, others **De Jure.**

But never assure that all is well in Zion and that the battle is won. No! No! No! Racism, much like Rip Van Winkle, went to sleep for a few years, but Rip is awake now and vows never to sleep again. Prejudice has only been in hibernation during the winter months of those hot summers of the 60's, but it has come forth with renewed strength and conviction saying, "I'm bad, I'm bad, I'm really really bad!"

My young brothers and sisters, do not assume that with the acquisition of your educational degrees, verifying your metriculation through college, that the road to success is guaranteed. You are in a society that is less sensitive than 20 years ago, especially in the areas of human services and Civil Rights. The names have changed from Bull Conner, Lester Maddox and George Wallace to Glen Miller, Jerry Falwell and Jesse Helms. The language is more sophisticated, but the historical principle is the same, "Keep the Negro in his place!"

But don't lose hope, for there is a God of Justice who knows how much you can bear — "for where this is a will, there is a way."

Didn't Jesus say, "I am the Way, the Truth . . . ?" As our Jewish brothers and sisters endured the strange death camps of Auschwitz and Dachau, surely we can endure the persecutions in our homeland, America the Beautiful.

*As our brothers and sisters of South Africa endure Apartheid with hope — active hope in protect, surely we can endure Gramm-Rudman and Hollings.

*As our slave grandparents endured slavery, tenant farms, sharecropping and sharing, with the hope of one day owning land, surely we can endure public housing and apartments with the hope of owning homes.

Regardless to how cruel your past, and however dim your present, don't lose your hope for the future. Don't lose hope, reach down within yourselves and find that that's not there. You are your own limitation, reach down within yourself;

Find **strength** like Samson and pull down the walls,

Find **courage** like Job, and say, "though he slay me, yet will I serve Him."

Find the **will** like Jesus to go to Jerusalem and Calvary anyhow.

Find **perseverance** like the Christians at Ephesis and having done all to stand, stand on the rock . . .

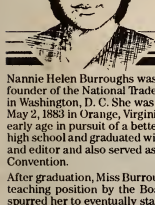
Find **talent** like George Washington Carver and use what you have in **Jesus'** name.

Find **abilities** like Ethel Waters and sing, "His eye is on the sparrow and I know, and I know that I know **HE** watches over me."

We cannot change our past; the challenge is in our hands and our future is as bright as the morning star. Grandmother would have me to tell you, all that you don't have and can not find, ask the Master. She would sing in long meter, slowly with her cracked voice: **I'LL BE ALRIGHT, I'LL BE ALRIGHT, I'LL BE ALRIGHT SOMEDAY: IF IN MY HEART I DO BELIEVE, I'LL BE ALRIGHT SOMEDAY!"**

PEACE

BLACK LEADERS OF THE PAST



NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS
1883–1961

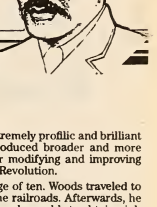
Nannie Helen Burroughs was a prolific writer, educator, and Baptist leader. She was also founder of the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls, established in Washington, D. C. She was the eldest daughter born to John and Jennie Burroughs on May 2, 1883 in Orange, Virginia. Her widowed mother took her to Washington, D. C. at an early age in pursuit of a better education. She studied business and domestic science in high school and graduated with honors in 1896. She later became an accomplished writer and editor and also served as President of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention.

After graduation, Miss Burroughs had hoped to teach domestic science, but was denied a teaching position by the Board of Education in the District of Columbia. This denial spurred her to eventually start her own school which "would give all sorts of girls a fair chance." Disappointed, she moved to Philadelphia and became Associate Editor of a Baptist newspaper, *The Christian Banner*. Later she returned to Washington expecting to get an appointment after having received a high rating on a civil service exam. Again, she experienced disappointment when she was told there were no jobs for a "colored girl." Bruised, but still proud and self-sufficient, she took a job as office building janitor and later became a bookkeeper for a manufacturing company. She then accepted a position in Louisville, Kentucky as a secretary for the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

In the early 1900's, Miss Burroughs established the Women's Industrial Club which offered short-term lodging to Black women and taught them basic domestic skills. The organization also provided moderate-cost lunches for downtown office workers. Later, she started to hold evening classes, for 10 cents a week, for club members majoring in business. Also, during the Depression, Miss Burroughs established and managed a self-help venture called Cooperative Industrial, Inc. which provided free facilities for a medical clinic, a hairdressing salon and a variety store.

In 1907, with the support of the National Baptist Convention, Miss Burroughs began coordinating building plans for the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls located in Washington, D. C. The school opened its doors in 1909 with her as President. Under the motto, "We specialize in the wholly impossible," Miss Burroughs sought "the highest development of Christian womanhood" through a curriculum designed to emphasize practical and professional skills. Her students were taught to be self-sufficient wage earners as well as "expert homemakers." Although she and Booker T. Washington had similar approaches to vocational education, at no time during the history of the training school did the curriculum emphasize vocational education to the exclusion of academic subjects. She believed it was her duty to see that an industrial and a classical education be attained simultaneously. A purist who found grammatical errors physically painful, she required courses on a high school and a junior college level that developed language skills. The National Trade and Professional School also maintained a close connection between education and religion. Its creed, stressed by Miss Burroughs, consisted of the "three Bs—the Bible, the bath, the broom: clean life, clean body, clean house." Of particluar pride at the National Training School was its Black history program in which every student was required to take a course.

Many honors were accorded Miss Burroughs. In 1964, the school she founded was renamed the Nannie Burroughs School. And, in 1975, in recognition of her courage and wisdom in espousing education for Black women against the consensus of society, Mayor Walter E. Washington proclaimed May 10th Nannie Helen Burroughs Day in the District of Columbia. Miss Burroughs died of a stroke in 1961.



GRANVILLE T. WOODS
1856–1910

Granville T. Woods, known as the "Black Edison," was an extremely prolific and brilliant inventor of electro-mechanical devices. His inventions produced broader and more efficient applications of electricity. Woods' early genius for modifying and improving electrical apparatus was unsurpassed during the Industrial Revolution.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, he attended school until the age of ten. Woods traveled to Missouri at age 16, and worked as a fireman-engineer on the railroads. Afterwards, he traveled east to study electrical and mechanical engineering, and was able to obtain a job on a British steamer, the *Ironside*, where he remained for two years.

By 1881, he opened a factory in Cincinnati, Ohio and manufactured telephone, telegraph and electrical equipment. He filed his first application for a patent in 1884 for an improved steam-boiler furnace. Later that same year, he invented a telephone transmitter. His transmitter could carry the voice over longer distances, with greater clarity and more distinct sound.

A year later, Woods patented an apparatus he coined "telegraphony," a combination of the telephone and telegraph. As a result, telegraph stations could send both oral and signal messages over the same line. An inexperienced telegraph operator could now send messages without benefit of knowing the Morse code. Woods sold this invention to the American Bell Telephone Company.

Woods produced one of his most important inventions in 1887: a device called the Synchronous Multiplex Railway Telegraph. It enabled messages to be sent to and from moving trains and railway stations. Serious accidents were now avoided because conductors could be forewarned of obstacles in their path. Another key invention was a regulator, which greatly increased the efficiency of electric motors. Demands for his electrical devices became so widespread that he abandoned his company to devote full-time to further inventions.

After relocating to New York City, in 1890, Woods became a patron of the arts. It was while attending the theater that he became fascinated by the way theater lights were gradually "dimmed." However, this dimming system was known to cause electrical fires, so he set out to improve this lighting system by creating an efficient, safe and economical dimmer. His system was not only safer, but resulted in a 40% energy savings.

Woods was also responsible for modernizing our transportation system. He invented an overhead conducting system for electric railways still utilized by trains and trolley cars today. He also invented the electrified "third rail," now used by subway systems in large cities such as Chicago, New York and elsewhere. In 1901, this invention was sold to the General Electric Company in New York.

Granville T. Woods was awarded more than 35 patents for his electrical innovations. In 1890, he introduced an electrically heated egg incubator, which made it possible to hatch 50,000 eggs at one time. He also invented a relay instrument, an electromechancial brake, a galvanic battery, an automatic safety cut-out for electrical circuits, and many other devices. At the time of his death in 1910, more than 150 patents had been awarded to Granville Woods. His achievements attracted universal attention and high praise from the scientific community worldwide.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL



NANCY GREEN
c. 1834–1923

Her given name was Nancy Green, but the world knew her as "Aunt Jemima." Although the famous Aunt Jemima recipe was not hers, she became the advertising world's first living trademark. She was born a slave in Montgomery County, Kentucky in 1834.

In 1889, the Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix was introduced in St. Joseph, Missouri after Chris L. Rutt, a newspaperman, and Charles G. Underwood bought the Pearl Milling Company. Searching for a novel product to survive in a highly competitive business, the two men hit on the original idea of developing and packaging a ready-mixed, self-rising pancake flour.

In the fall of 1889, Rutt attended a vaudeville show where he heard a catchy tune called "Aunt Jemima," sung by a blackfaced performer, clad in apron and bandana headband. Soon after, the whole town was humming the song, and Rutt immediately decided that Aunt Jemima was the name for his pancake mix. Short on capital, Rutt and Underwood went broke and sold the formula to the R.T. Davis Milling Company in 1890. Davis decided to try a new idea, and began looking for a Negro woman to employ as a living trademark for his new product. He found Nancy Green in Chicago, Illinois. She was 59 at the time, and worked in the home of a judge.

In 1893, the Davis Milling executives boldly decided to risk their entire future with an all-out promotion at the gigantic World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. They constructed the world's largest flour barrel. "Aunt Jemima," in the person of Nancy Green, demonstrated the pancake mix. She kept up lively conversation with the crowds, while making and serving thousands of pancakes. Nancy Green was attractive, friendly, a good storyteller, and an excellent cook. Her ability to project her warm and appealing personality made her the ideal "Aunt Jemima," the living counterpart of the company's trademark. She was such a sensation that special details of policemen had to be assigned to keep the crowds moving at the Aunt Jemima exhibition booth.

Davis received over 50,000 orders from merchants all over America and foreign countries. Fair officials awarded Nancy Green a medal and certificate for her showmanship, and proclaimed her the "Pancake Queen." Davis signed her to a lifetime contract, and she traveled on promotional tours all over the country. Because of Nancy Green's fame, her arrival was usually announced on giant billboards. The Davis Company prospered, and by 1910, the name of "Aunt Jemima" was known in all 48 states and had attained such popularity that many persons tried to infringe on the trademark rights.

Until the emergence of Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix, the bulk of flour sales were made in the winter. After the success of the Nancy Geen promotion, flour sales were up year-long and pancakes were no longer considered exclusively for breakfast. The Davis Company later ran into money problems and had to sell, but Nancy Green maintained her job until she was killed by a car on the streets of Chicago's southside on September 24, 1923.

Millions of dollars have been raised through pancake sales for charity. The Boys Club at Rockford, Illinois was built and operated solely from funds raised yearly by Rockford Kiwanians and the Aunt Jemima product. In 1925, the Aunt Jemima Mills were purchased by the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago. In the image of "Aunt Jemima," the Nancy Green legend lives on.



FREDERICK McKINLEY JONES
1892–1961

Frederick McKinley Jones was the inventor of the first practical refrigeration system for longhaul trucks. His system was later adapted to a variety of other carriers including ships and railway cars.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born in 1892, he was orphaned at the age of nine, never managing to get more than a sixth grade education. Jones moved to Covington, Kentucky where he was raised by a priest until the age of 16. When he left the rectory, Jones hitched rides in automobiles and became interested in how they worked. He returned to Cincinnati and finally convinced a garage owner to hire him as a mechanic. Jones became garage foreman of the automobile shop in three years.

By the age of 19, Jones had built several racing cars which he drove in racing exhibitions. His fervent desire to see his cars being raced prompted him to attend competitions without permission from his boss. For this, he was fired from his foreman position. He later accepted a job as chief mechanic on a 30,000 acre farm in Hallock, Minnesota. He expanded his mechanical skills and knowledge through his library studies. Jones served as an electrician in the United States Army, in France during World War I, achieving the rank of sergeant.

When the war was over, Jones returned to Hallock and entered a new area of electronic research. He built the first transmitter for the Hallock radio station and designed a "talking" movie projector. Although a typical commercial projector would cost about $3,000, Jones was able to build one from odds and ends for less than $100. When motion pictures incorporated soundtracks, Jones built his own device using creative ideas and information he had researched.

Hearing about Jones and his mechanical ability, Joseph A. Numero, owner of a motion picture equipment company, offered Jones a position as an electronic engineer. Sound equipment made by Numero's firm was used in movie houses throughout the Midwest. In 1938, Jones received his first patent for a ticket dispensing machine used by movie houses.

By the late 1930's, Jones was busy designing portable air-cooling units for trucks that would preserve perishable foods transported to markets from one end of the country to the other. Numero formed a partnership with Jones as vice president. By 1949, the U.S. Thermo Control Company had grown to a $3,000,000 a year business, manufacturing refrigeration units for trains, ships and airplanes.

The crisis of World War II inspired Jones to design a special refrigeration unit that would keep blood serum fresh for transfusions and medicines.

Jones was recognized as an authority in refrigeration engineering. In 1944, he was elected to membership in the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers. During the 1950's, he served as a consultant on refrigeration problems to both the U.S. Defense Department and Bureau of Standards.

Frederick McKinley Jones died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1961, credited with more than 60 patents—forty for refrigeration equipment alone. Jones' invention completely changed the food transport industry, creating international markets for food crops.

From The "Baptist Informer" *Bookshelf*

By Rev. Jason A. Barr,
Associate Book Review Editor

The Pastor and the People, by Lyle E. Schaller. Abingdon Press.

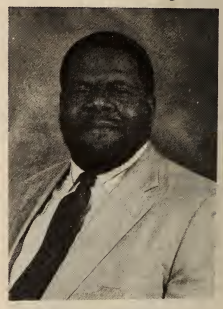
Lyle Schaller is a prolific writer and an authority on church growth and evangelism. His skills as both are evident in his book **The Pastor and the People**. This book, the first in a series of five books related to pastoral ministry, is practical, filled with insights that come from his encounter with hundreds of congregations, and offers excellent suggestions for getting the most from available resources.

In the book Schaller follows the career of the fictitious Reverend Don Johnson. The author begins with the minister's quandary as to whether to move to a middle-sized suburban congregation. He then proceeds to take the reader through the interview and negotiating process that led to Rev. Johnson accepting the call, the honeymoon stage of his new pastorate, the growing pains and joys of that eleven year pastorate, and ends with Johnson accepting the call to be senior minister at a larger congregation. Throughout this journey Schaller deals with issues that face all parishes. His approach to dealing with these issues is more descriptive than prescriptive. At those points where he is prescriptive he offers alternative and opposing views which are objective. In the introduction Schaller declares that the book is directed at "three overlapping audiences." The first audience encountered are lay readers who find themselves in need of a new minister and pastors contemplating a move. The problems that face laity and clergy in this group include the type of minister the congregation needs and the competing agendas that make the selection of a pastor an awesome task, the expectations of the minister of the church as well as his own perceptions of his abilities, the lay perspective on pastoral compensation, and the minister's expectations on compensation, which, it should be added, is not limited to monetary matters.

"The second audience to which the book is directed is composed of both the laity and clergy in those congregations in which the honeymoon period following the arrival of the new minister is past." Providing "psychic rewards" to members who volunteer their services to the church, capitalizing on the success of other churches with respect to their ministries and organization, and full-time versus part-time multiple staff ministries are a few of the chapters that speak to this audience.

The third audience Schaller appeals to overlaps the second audience. This group includes "church leaders who are interested in what other congregations are doing, and who are sure that if they had a chance to go and visit other congregations, they could pick up many insights and ideas that would be helpful to their parish."

Lyle Schaller is able to communicate succinctly what it takes other volumes to communicate. **The Pastor and the People** is easy reading and should be read by clergy and laity alike. Specifically it should be required reading for pastors who are seriously considering a change and lay readers who find themselves in search of a minister. Pastors will find creative ideas that will foster a longer tenure and a more productive ministry, and the laity will discover valuable insights into the needs of the minister and ideas that can help to rid many of the "we need a new pastor" mania.



Reverend Jason Barr,
Book Review Editor

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

News From The East Cumberland Missionary Union

By Mrs. Luetta B. Williams,
Regional Editor

"God specializes in people." We, too, who desire to serve as leaders today, must also specialize in people. These are the words of the instructor of this course, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Young. On December 4th and 5th, the missionaries from five area churches of the East Cumberland Union — Falling Run, Christian Light, Union Hill, First Baptist Stedman, and Second Baptist met at Falling Run Baptist Church to study the book by Ernest O. White.

This is the third year that the East Cumberland Union, presided over by Leola Smith of Union Hill Autryville, has congregated to study the convention's book selection for the year, and Liz Young has been the unions unanimous choice for its teacher.

Mrs. Young discussed the five different leadership styles, the seven tasks of Christian leaders, and ways to strengthen leadership. There is no separation between leadership qualities and the gifts of the spirit for Christian leaders. One must seek to find out what one's spiritual gift is. God will not make it a mystery to those who truly want to serve him and who concern themselves with the gifts and not what someone else's gift should be or is.

Every Christian is a perspective leader and each one has a gift to help other leaders carry out the commission of the church. Sometimes one has to study to learn how to carry out leadership duties well. If one plans to succeed one will succeed, but if one predicts his own failure, failure usually comes.

Mrs. Young helped the group to see the importance of a prayer-filled life in serving as a leader. Prayer has to be a integral part of one's life. In her customary, unique style, Liz entwined the leadership study with a second study of the Lord's Prayer as written by W. Phillip Celler in **A Layman's Guide to the Lord's Prayer.** A phrase by phrase, clause by clause study of this prayer reveals so many ways our leadership lives must depend upon prayer from hallowing our savior to leaning on his guidance from the Bible. God's will is **not** for Christians only, God's will is not unpleasant; God's will is not hard to find, God's will is now and in the future. Therefore to be a Christian leader we can examine ourselves as to whether the words, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," has meaning in our lives as leaders. (1) Is it according to the scriptures? (2) Have you found a similar situation? (3) Have you sought wise counsel? (4) Have you prayed about it? (5) Does it seem practical? If you know his will, you must do it. Obedience follows Godly knowledge in every encounter that Jesus had with those to whom he said, "Go and sin no more." He gives man a choice, of course, in each situation where his will is revealed. The Christian leader cannot let obstacles prevent him from doing God's will. The challenge of the unfinished task awaits each Christian leader today, and God provides the way and the equipment to lead.

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Rev. Archie D. Logan Jr.

Logan And Howlette Appointed To Wake Forest University Board of Visitors

Winston-Salem, NC — The Reverend Archie D. Logan, Jr., Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and an adjunct faculty member at the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina; and Dr. Michael Howlette, Richmond, Virginia, a member of the General Baptist Foundation, Incorporated Board of Directors, were recently appointed by Wake Forest University President, Dr. Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., on October 6, 1987 to membership on the Wake Forest University Board of Visitors beginning, January 1, 1988.

Reverend Logan is a 1971 graduate of Wake Forest University and was a member of its 1970 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship Football Team. After graduating Reverend Logan attended the Howard University Divinity School in Washington, D.C. where academically he led his class transferring to Duke University Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina in 1974. Reverend Logan graduated from Duke Divinity School in 1975 receiving his Master of Divinity Degree. He continued at Duke receiving his Master of Theology Degree in 1976. Reverend Logan is a Doctoral candidate at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Since leaving Wake Forest Reverend Logan has received many awards and recognitions. He now pastors the New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church, Rougemont, North Carolina. He is a life member of the NAACP and a member of Lone Star Lodge, Reidsville, Consistory, and Khalif Temple. Reverend Logan has published several articles "Can Ten Just Individuals Be Found?" **Duke University Divinity School Publication,** March 1975, Volumed VI, Number 5; "Martin Luther King, Jr.: Theology In Context," **The Duke University Divinity School Review,** Spring 1975, Volume 40, Number 2; and "Translating Black Theology Into Local Church Action" **Shaw Divinity School Journal,** Pentecost 1987, Volume I, Number 2.

Dr. Michael E. Howlette, Richmond, Virginia, a member of the General Baptist Foundation of North Carolina, Incorporated was also appointed to the Wake Forest University Board of Visitors. Dr. Howlette, a Richmond, Virginia optometrist also graduated from Wake Forest and the Chicago School of Optometry. Dr. Howlette is very active in civic, economic, and political affairs.

Dr. Howlette, along with his work with the General Baptist Foundation, Incorporated is active in the Richmond branch of the NAACP and YMCA, he is a past board member of the YMCA. He now serves on the Board of the Virginia Capitol Chapter of the Red Cross, and the Cardinal Savings and Loan Association Board of Advisors. He is a member of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Richmond Medical Society, the Richmond Crusade for Voters, the Virginia Optometric Association, and the National Optometric Association.



Dr. Michael Howlette

Dr. Howlette is a member of the historic Cedar Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Both Logan and Howlette were recognized for their outstanding achievements, and accomplishments since leaving Wake Forest.

In Memoriam

Dr. John Delano Lockley Passes GBSC Board Member and Pastor

Rev. John Delano Lockley, the youngest of four children of John Henry and Mary Debnam Lockley, was born in Wake County. He became a member of Good Hope Baptist Church at the age of nine. He affiliated with the Martin Street Baptist Church in 1981 and remained active and faithful until his demise. He has served as Sunday School teacher, choir member, choir director, Clerk of Church, Trustee, Deacon, Director of Bible School, Pastor of several churches in the Wake Association, Vice President of the Wake County Sunday School Convention; Interim Clerk, Vice Moderator, Moderator, Instructor of Deacons, and Workshop Consultant of Christian Doctrine of the Wake Association. He conducted workshops on Christian Education in many churches in Wake, Franklin, Nash, and Harnett Counties. Until recently he served as Pastor of Oak City Baptist Church, Method, North Carolina.

He was a member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention, Executive Board of the Wake Baptist Association, Ministerial Board of Wake Baptist Association, Instructor of Continuing Christian Education, Shaw Divinity School, and President, Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Member of Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, Wake Forest, N.C., President, Wake Baptist Association Choir. He has also served in the following capacity: Cub Master, Scout Master, Explorer Advisor, County Commissioner of Scouting, instructor for adults in scouting. He received many awards including the diamond award for outstanding work and achievement in scouting. He was also a member of the Southeast Raleigh Optimist Club. As a political leader he was a member of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, National Notary Association, and was a Notary Public for the county of Wake.

He attended the public schools of Wake County, Shaw University, B.A.; North Carolina Central University, M. Ed.; New York University, N.Y.; North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.; and the Neotarian College of Philosophy, Kansas City, Missouri. He was also a public school teacher for many years in Dunn, N.C., and Raleigh, N.C. He also served in an administrative capacity at Hunter School. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and Army.

He married Helen Wilder Lockley, who preceded him in death, and fathered four children. Survivors: Four loving and devoted children: Ms. Chandra Elizabeth Lockley and Mrs. Penelope "Penny" Lockley Lilly, both of Raleigh; Frederick Delano Lockley of Durham, N.C.; Turhan L. Lockley of Columbus, Ohio; two grandsons, Chadwick Delano Lockley and Barrett Travis Lockley of Durham, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Mattie Jean Gourdine of New York, N.Y.; a son-in-law, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of relatives and friends.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

REV. JOHNNIE LUTHER ROUNDTREE
1903-1988

Rev. Johnnie Luther Roundtree was born in Shallotte, North Carolina, to the late Edgar and Letria Hardy Roundtree Dec. 27, 1903.

Rev. Roundtree was founder and pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church for more than 39 years. He was also a former employee of the Winston Leaf and Piedmont Tobacco Company, a member of the Salem Lodge #139, Prince Hall Affiliated, Treasurer of the Greensboro Education Association, and member of the Ministers and Deacon's Union.

Rev. Roundtree departed this life on Monday, Jan. 4, 1988, at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

He leaves to mourn their loss the wife, Mrs. Eva Hill Roundtree, of the home, a sister, Mrs. Cora Martin, of this city, two brothers, Rev. R.J. Roundtree of Dallas, Texas, and Lewis Roundtree, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Lorene Gray, of this city, one step-granddaughter, Mrs. Winnie White and five great-grandchildren, all of this city, two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Mable Pittes of New York City and Mrs. Odessa Hinton, of this city, a host of other relatives and many friends.

Servant of God . . . well done! Rest from thou loved employ. The battle fought, the victory won, enter into thy master's joy.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

April 1988

1	Good Friday
3	EASTER SUNDAY
9	Woman's State Convention State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, Memorial Auditorium, Civic Center, Raleigh, N.C.
11	Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board Meeting
11-14	GBSC Evangelism Conference, Charlotte, N.C.
30	Laymen's Fellowship and One-Day Session Raleigh, N.C.
30	Baptist Men's Worldwide Day of Witness and Prayer and "The Prayer Heard Around the World"

MAY 1988

4-5	General Baptist State Convention — One Day Session Mt. Vernon, High Point
7	Minister's Wives Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
7	Shaw University, Commencement Convocation
8	MOTHER'S DAY
22	Central Children's Home Parents & Friends Day 11:30 a.m., Oxford, N.C.
28	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m., Baptist Headquarters

I Will Cling To The Old Rugged Cross And Exchange It Some Day For A Crown



(Photograph by Willie Nash (See Page Three)

General Baptist President

Rev. Dr. James Bradford Humphrey Celebrates Forty-First Anniversary (1947-1988)

By Lora Vanderhall
Charlotte Post Staff Writer

Charlotte, NC — The members and friends of First Baptist Church-West recently celebrated the forty-first anniversary of Dr. James Bradford Humphrey, Jr.

Dr. Humphrey was born in Lumberton, NC and was educated in the public school system of Robeson County. He graduated from Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. Dr. Humphrey also furthered his studies at Princeton and Union Seminaries.

He has taught in several capacities including public school, department of christian education and the extension department at Shaw University.

Dr. Humphrey is the current president of the General Baptist State Convention of NC. Other affiliations include: member of the trustee board at Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, president of the Charlotte Federation of Churches, and vice president of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association, just to name a few.

His community involvement exemplifies his love and concern for mankind. He is affiliated with the Charlotte Community Health Association, Christian Rehabilitation Center, Council on the Aging, Mental Health Association, chairman of a division of the Boy Scouts of America, board of directors at the McCrorey YMCA, vice president of Opportunity Industrialization Center and president of Charlotte Frontier Association.

Prior to his arrival at First Baptist-West he was the pastor at First Baptist, Trinity, NC, Mt. Moriah, Mebane, NC and Spring Garden in Washington, NC.

Dr. Humphrey is the twelfth and only living pastor of First Baptist Church-West. He came to First Baptist-West in February of 1947.

Cecelia Wilson, church historian was a member of First Baptist the year Rev. Humphrey became pastor. "He has been a very dynamic and efficient leader. Many things have been accomplished under his guidance," she said.

He started the group system, board of christian education and a finance committee. Under his leadership a new sanctuary and education buildings were built. The sanctuary was paid for within nine years.

Elizabeth Randolph, member, re-

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of the State and Local Conventions and members of the Baptist Family.

Many thanks to you for helping us start the first few months of the year on a high note. January 22 was the occasion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet. February 13 and February 27 were the occasions of the One Day Session of the State Sunday School/BTU Congress and the One Day Session of the State Usher's Conventions. These sessions were informative and inspirational and well attended. The financial reports were heartwarming as well as encouraging.

However, we are prayerfully asking the pastors of the churches which did not represent their Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions or their Ushers in these sessions, to send their representation fees to the Baptist Headquarters as soon as possible in order for them to be counted with the churches that have represented.

We are well on our way to a successful fiscal year of 1987-88. With your continued support and cooperation, we can achieve our established goals and objectives.

We would like for you to be reminded of our forthcoming One Day Session of our General Baptist State Convention which will be held on May 4-5, 1988 at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina, Rev. F.O. Bass Jr., pastor. Also, the All Baptist Assembly which will be held in Winston Salem, North Carolina is July 24-28, 1988. The All Baptist Assembly will be hosted by the pastors of Winston Salem and the vicinity. Great plans are in the making for these forthcoming events.

We prayerfully and urgently remind you again of the need for you to send monthly contributions for State Missions and the other objectives in order for our Convention to maintain its credibility. We need each month more than forty thousand dollars ($40,000) for State Missions to meet our current operations. Our quarterly payment on our note at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank is $12,331.22. We are asking each pastor to give a personal contribution of One Hundred Dollars or ask the church to assist you in giving this contribution.

Our financial report representing the months of September 1, 1987 through December 31, 1987 was encouraging. Many thanks to you who responded and also many thanks to you in advance who did not respond but who will respond immediately. We need the help of all of our pastors as we seek to accomplish our financial goals for the fiscal year 1987-88. We urge you to give in the following manner:

Give willingly

"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." (2 Corin. 8:3-4)

Give sacrificially

"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them. Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but has of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:43-44).

Give purposefully

"And Zacchaeus stood, and saith unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8).

Give increasingly

"Therefore, as ye abound in everything in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

Give liberally

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

Give faithfully

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful . . . Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . ." (I Cor. 4:2, 16:2).

Give compassionately

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutted up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17).

Give gladly

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

May the Lord continue to bless the work that he has given us to do. May we continue to serve faithfully with the knowledge that we are accountable to Him for the service that we give. "What then shall I do when God rises up? When he makes inquiry, What shall I answer him?" (Job 31:14).

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2. Prepare monthly financial statements on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

3. Prepare financial statements on the full acrrual basis method of accounting for presentation at Executive/Board Meetings.

4. Coordinate and supervise field receipts collections during conventions, meetings, etc.

5. Supervise all accounting personnel (direct and indirect)

6. Coordinate all accounting personnel duties so as to provide a means for timely preparation of accurate financial date.

7. Coordinate other internal administrative duties (i.e. time sheets, payroll, general office operations) as directed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

8. Prepare all quarterly and yearly payroll tax returns.

9. Any other administrative duties as directed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

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By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



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ABOUT THE ARTIST

An award winning artist, Willie Nash, is a native of Asheville, N.C. He holds a B.A. degree in Fine Arts from N.C. Central University in Durham, N.C. where he and his wife, Freida, make their home. Nash has converted a spacious garage into his studio where he works daily. Being an illustrator for the U.S. Air Force and Duke Medical Center has enabled Nash to bring both illustrative and artistic qualities to his work. At no time has his desire to paint ever been subordinate to the realities of making a living. One of a very few artists, Willie Nash's total income is derived from his art. He has worked as a sign painter, an art teacher and an arts administrator with the N.C. Cultural Arts Coalition. No matter what he worked as, his primary committed purpose has always been to work solely as a visual artist.

Nash's philosophy is a unique blend of pragmatism and ultra liberalism. He is convinced that his best contribution to Blacks is in filling the void of positive self imagery. Artwork by Willie Nash is displayed primarily at arts festivals, street festivals, conventions, and trade shows. Traveling extensively throughout the country, Nash and Freida are willing to go anywhere to sell and promote his art. Willie Nash is not only recognized as one of the most prolific in the United States, but one of the best loved and appreciated artist in this century.

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We Come To The Garden Alone

Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32; Luke 22:39; John 18:1

As we continue our spiritual journey through Lent toward Easter I am drawn to the experience of our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. The story of Jesus' agony in the Garden is recorded in each of the Gospels. Gethsemane was a garden just across the Kidron, (a valley), from Jerusalem about 200 yards from the city wall. Gethsemane means "the oil press." It was the place that Jesus went to pray before he had to face "the wine press" of Calvary.

As General Baptist we too find ourselves in our Garden of Gethsemane. A close look at the Garden experience reveals that satan confronted Jesus with doubt, fear and anguish "O my Father, **if it be possible**, let this cup pass from me." Satan makes a final attempt to kill Christ before He could get to the cross to die for our sins. But God heard the prayer of Jesus and saved Him. Luke writes in 22:43, "And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him."

All of us are objects of satan's rage. We are like Job, often tossed "to and fro." The devil meets us on every hand, at work; at home; at church; and even at prayer. Evil is real, the Bible warns that we must be aware of principalities and powers of satanic darkness; "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). Each of us as General Baptist must pray for God to deliver us. We must repent of our sins, "all of us fall short of the mark;" We must pray for ourselves; we must pray for our Convention; we must pray for our churches; we must pray for our pastors; we must pray for our homes; we must pray for places we work; we must pray for our nation and the world.

It is difficult to face satan alone, if not impossible. The Gospels indicate that there often are times when only God's intervention in our struggles is the only way out, the only solution to the problem, the only hope for a change in our lives. God sent an angel from Glory to give Jesus strength. In the Garden of Prayer we must seek our Lord, we must move beyond "SELF" to the "SAVIOR." As we pray we must open up the sunlight of our soul and turn towards the light of heaven and receive power from on high.

In the Garden we find apartheid in South Africa; · we find poverty, hunger, oppression, racism, sexism, classism, in America; we find our soldiers around the world killing our black brothers and sisters. In the Garden we see the needs of Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Mission, Central Children's Home, and State Mission. In the Garden we see our churches building and not evangelizing; saving money and not sharing with the least among us; shouting and not witnessing. We agonize and suffer in our Gardens of Gethesemane. It is difficult to see a child hungry and not be able to provide nourishment. It is difficult to face sickness without medicine.

As President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., I often find myself in the Garden alone. Our Mission contributions are never adequate to meet the needs of those crying out for HELP. Sometimes I feel as if satan has taken the joy out of our Christian journey. THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK is a difficult one. Yet as I pray, every now and then I can feel the POWER OF GOD standing beside me. Angels still come to deliver us and liberate us. God still works in mysterious ways.

Prayer does change things. Prayer liberated our foreparents from slavery. They prayed and they prayed, from before the sun rose in the East until after it set in the West. God heard their prayers and sent an angel to Washington, D.C., that stood beside President Lincoln. Prayer liberated us from the back of the bus; the balcony of the theatre; and, the pigeon-hole restaurant pick-up. God heard our cry and sent an angel to stand with Martin Luther King Jr. and others.

The Garden experience is lonely, it is a struggle against evil; but I have come to know and realize for myself that God still sends angels to give us strength. The "good news" in the Gethsemane Story is that although Jesus came to the Garden alone, He left with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. That's also the "good news" for us today as we leave our Gardens of Gethesemane and approach Easter Sunday Morning; WE ARE NOT ALONE in our anguish and sorrow. The hymn writer reminds us:

No, never alone, No never alone
He promised never to leave me.
Never to leave me alone
No, never alone, No never alone
He promised never to leave me.
Never to leave me alone

PRAY FOR OUR CONVENTION THIS EASTER.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

WBSC Features

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

On Saturday, April 9, 1988, we anticipate seeing you as leaders and members at which time a combination of the **Mid-Year Session and Statewide Leaders' Workshop** will be held. The Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth will meet at the Raleigh Civic Center.

Among the many features, we have invited the new Presidents of Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity (Dr. Talbert O. Shaw and Dr. Gregory Headen) to share their expressions. The Workshop sessions will relate to the challenge for City/County Union, Circle, District Conference, and Auxiliary in fostering the unfinished task of Christian missions. The Reverend Charles Tyner, Pastor of White Oak, Apex, will be the preacher. Please bring a very liberal offering since we did not meet for the One Day Session in January.

We are counting on meeting with you in April and your support of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. The session should begin near the hour of 8:45 a.m.; however, registration will begin at 8 a.m. Let us begin praying and preparing now that we shall be ready for the greatest participation in all facts of the session.

The Eight Ministers' Wives Retreat will convene at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, Saturday, May 7, 1988. The theme for the occasion is "The Minister's Wife's Response to Role Expectations of the Church and Community." All ministers' wives are invited to attend. The retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. and registration for those who have not pre-registered will begin at 8:30 a.m. However, we are urging all persons to pre-register. Pre-registration fee for those who come on Saturday is $15. For those who come on Friday and spend the night, the pre-registration fee is $22.

(Persons who spend the night need to bring bed linen & toiletries.) Please pick up a pre-registration form at the April workshop or send to the office and get one now. Return the form and pre-registration fee to the office no later than April 22, 1988. The address is Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. Make the check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

Youth Bible Camp and Leadership Training Conference blanks may be secured from the office now.

Also available are the **housing reservation forms** for the **All Baptist Assembly and the Woman's Convention.** The Hyatt House will serve as the headquarters for all. Reservations for this hotel and others will be on a first come first serve basis.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

AIDS: For Blacks, A Cure Is Not Enough

By Cash Michaels

In the United States today, Acquired Immune Deficiency Disease knows no respect for demography. Black Americans comprise only 12 percent of the population but account for fully 25 percent of known AIDS cases. In North Carolina blacks make up 22 percent of the population while embracing an astounding 44 percent of AIDS cases (201 of 451).

Yet, only now — while this terrible scourge continues to spread — are blacks attempting to understand AIDS and, consequently, "to own" the problem within our community borders.

Like other groups, blacks are late in dealing with the problem. The result is that because of AIDS' medical, social, political and economic ramifications, AIDS in the black community is fast becoming another avalanche on the "rough side of the mountain."

The reasons for earlier inaction are clear. In the black community, AIDS is not only a health crisis but a perceived moral crisis. But because of many blacks' traditional disdain for homosexuality, we have refused to add AIDS to our long list of problems. Only recently have many black ministers, historically strong on civil rights, stopped labeling AIDS as "God's wrath" against homosexuals.

By the time we discovered that our community had more than its share of AIDS cases, the specter of widespread infection already loomed large on the horizon.

The economic anemia the black community has always suffered also has contributed. The flourishing drug trade has provided the AIDS virus with interlinked avenues of infection, via prostitution — by both women and bisexual men financing drug habits — and via the hopelessness of unemployed high school dropouts and ex-prison inmates.

Because of the tendency to share needles, the rate of AIDS cases related to drug use has been recorded as being over twenty times higher nationally for blacks than for whites. And 35 percent of all known black AIDS cases were the **direct** result of intravenous drug use — versus six percent for whites. If the primary factor in the spread of AIDS among whites is sex, for blacks it's drugs.

Another dubious distinction of the black community is that over 65 percent of all women in North Carolina with AIDS are black, and that, nationally, black women are 13 times more likely to contract the virus and pass it on to their babies. Accordingly, 60 percent of known AIDS pediatrics cases are black, and such cases are often fatal.

The AIDS virus as a result has carved out a vicious cycle: infected babies born to black women who are intravenous drug users or have sexual partners who are intravenous drug users.

Television producer/journalist Tony Brown said, "Get rid of AIDS." Drugs are certainly not the whole picture — the largest number of black AIDS victims still are gay/bisexual men who don't use drugs. But because drug use is a larger problem proportionately for blacks than whites, blacks have to address drugs in order to get at AIDS.

And blacks have to do it soon. AIDS has already caused 248 deaths in North Carolina since 1981. While the number of blacks who have died from AIDS in North Carolina is not known, it is safe to assume that blacks have died in numbers far out of proportion to their share of the population.

An appropriate response, focusing on education for those who do not have AIDS, and care for those who do, could best be disseminated by community-based organizations. The support of the black clergy is the key; so is that of black political and business leaders. Black media could be circulating more information; black churches could be providing outreach for AIDS victims; black teens could be providing outreach for AIDS victims; black teens could be receiving peer training.

The larger community — black and white — meanwhile, could be assisting by halting legislation — like mandatory testing and quarantining — that would restrict civil rights for AIDS victims of all races.

But first, those all-important community-based disseminators of information must understand the tragedy among us, must put aside their prejudices against homosexuals and perceive the links between AIDS and drug abuse, teen pregnancy and other problems epidemic in the black community.

Only then can blacks in North Carolina unite to protect against new forms of social and economic discrimination in the guise of public health policy. Only then can blacks "own" the AIDS problem within our communities' borders, neither waiting for, nor allowing, others to decide who lives . . . and who dies.

(Editor's note:

The author is Cash Michaels, a black journalist with WLLE-AM radio in Raleigh. Michaels, 32, has produced two series on AIDS. He can be reached at (919) 833-3874 (day); (919) 834-1025 (evenings) in Raleigh.

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Tribute to: J.B. Humphrey



Dr. J.B. Humphrey

J.B. HUMPHREY

An apostle of God, A fisherman of men
A husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and to many a friend
Some call him a preacher
Some call him a teacher
I call him a true representative of God
He speaks of salvation and eternal life
He's united many into one as husband and wife
A comforter in a time of sorrow
He's there for you today and tomorrow
In the pulpit his presence stands out
His sincerity in his love of God has never been in doubt
He speaks of Jesus Christ hanging on the cross bleeding
As he opens the doors of the church, you can hear his voice earnestly pleading
He gives understanding to the scriptures that removes doubt from your mind
Asking sinners to repent while there is still time
He teaches that the word of God is true
And what coming to Jesus Christ will do for you
though weeping and wailing his tender voice can be heard
Asking each of us to reach out to someone or to say a kind word
In times of distress, he's always near
Reassuring us that there's nothing to fear
As my mind goes back through the years when we first met
And my not having become a christian yet
His teachings turned my eternal soul from doom
To a mansion in the sky with my own prepared room
In giving thanks to you God for the many things he's done
Thank you for allowing him to introduce me to you Heavenly Father
And to Jesus Christ — Your son
Yes, Thank you Dear Lord for this gentle, kind man
In delivering souls to you —
J.B. Humphrey is doing the best that he can.

Betty McBride Lee

Tithing Topic Of Pastor's New Book

(Editor's Note: continued from February Informer article "General Baptist Authors."

By Angie Martin
Chronicle Staff Writer

For some, tithing is a touchy subject, but it's also the subject of Dr. J. Ray Butler's recent book, "The Christian Communion As Related to the Jewish Passover and Monetary Stewardship." Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, has written several pamphlets dealing with spiritual concerns; however, this is his first full length book.

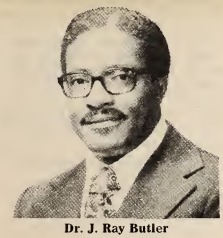
In addition to presenting a historical explanation of the communion ceremony, the second half of Butler's book focuses on the principle of tithing, that is — giving ten percent of one's income to the church.

And for the Afro-American church, Butler believes tithing is essential in order that churches might support Afro-American social and political organizations.

"With our black community we must learn to give, not only to the Christian church but to give up causes," Butler said. "Black folk must rise up to help causes. Out of the church these causes are supported and we do it with a spirit of unity."

For example, Butler said, churches should continue to contribute to the support of the United Negro College Fund which in turns helps private Afro-American colleges. "Black institutions should not be limping as someone with a walking cane, or on crutches . . . and they don't have to. People can raise up and give and pay their tithes and offerings," Butler said.

He noted that more than $200,000 was raised by Baptist churches nationwide in an effort to help Fisk University out of financial hardship. Fisk is an historically Afro-American institution.



Dr. J. Ray Butler

Butler explained that the local church must be supported, but he added, there is plenty of revenue circulating within the Afro-American church which can be targeted toward effective community and educational outreach.

"Now a lot of people talk about what Shiloh does," said Butler, who has been the pastor of Shiloh since 1970. "Shiloh is always giving to causes," he said, "but the only way that we do it is by virtue of trying to lead our people to the tithing program."

In the book, Butler wrote that there are major reasons why many church efforts fail. "Many churches try to finance the Lord's program by secular means, such as high pressure campaigns, beggars by way of dinners and suppers of various kings, excursions, tickets, rafflings . . .," he wrote. He added that only a small percentage of a church's membership actually tithes regularly. Butler is also highly critical of what he describes as "duplication" within the church.

He wrote that a large percentage of church finances are not centralized and that in addition to tithing, members are asked to contribute to the church's missionary societies, choirs, and usher boards. "This type of financing makes tithing almost impossible."

But, missionary outreach programs are important, Butler believes. The Shaw University Divinity School graduate has been active in several missionary projects. "Outreach ministries are the closest to the heart of God," he explained.

Church based outreach programs must reach the entire community, Butler said. "Religion must burst through the four walls of the church; we are part of the political, educational and social structure of society," Butler said of the Afro-American church.

Butler believes that, in general, the Afro-American church has progressed during the last decade. "I think the church has risen up with a lot of understanding," Butler said.

Understanding the tradition of the communion is another topic Butler addresses in his book. Very few people are aware that the communion ceremony originated, not with Jesus Christ's last supper, but with the Jewish Passover tradition, Butler said.

Communion is an important part in the Christian's spiritual reflection. To Butler, it is more than simply a religious rite. "Communion teaches us commitment to the Lord," he said. "It is a time when someone examines himself, and not someone else."

Butler said that the research on which his communion discussion is based took several years to collect. Looking toward the future, Butler wants to someday write an autobiography. "I didn't just write this book to write a book," Butler said, but his hectic schedule will not allow him to write extensively at this time. Butler said he knows that in writing anything pertaining to Christian principle divine inspiration is the primary motivating factor.

Butler's book will be highlighted in the "Baptist Informer," issued throughout the state, and in the "National Baptist Voice," which is circulated nationwide.

Butler intends for proceeds from the sale of his book to be donated to Shaw Divinity School, and possibly to the NAACP's Learning Lab, after printing expenses have been met. Copies of the book are available at the Shiloh Baptist Church office, 2800 Gilmer Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101.

Humphrey's 41st Anniversary (Continued from page 1)

members Rev. Humphrey from college. "He was a scholar, well read and greatly respected by the student body."

Cedric H. Jones also attended Shaw University with Rev. Humphrey and has since become a member of First Baptist Church-West. "Rev. Humphrey has the right attitude before he takes action. He has a Christ-like character and he is committed to the Lord's work. He is also an expert at helping people realize their potential," said Jones.

Rev. Humphrey is a very modest and well respected man. He says one of the things he does best is listen. "I am a good listener. I react upon what I hear clearly and raise questions on what I don't understand."

He discourages celebrations and tributes in his honor but recently the church paid tribute to him. He has been their pastor for the past 41 years. The program was beautifully executed with songs and tributes in his honor. The members love for their first family was evident in the gifts given to them. First Baptist Church-West presented Mrs. Humphrey with a Liberty Coin and they gave Rev. Humphrey $10,000.00 plus!

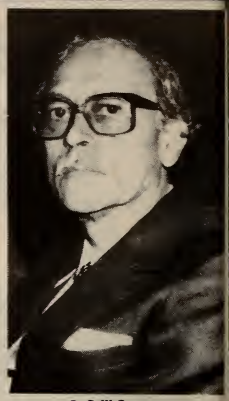
A reception followed the service.

Rev. Humphrey's favorite scripture passage is II Timothy 1:11-12. "Wherefore I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: never the less I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

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Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month



Dr. R. W. Perry

"The Lord Needs You"

(An Easter Season Sermon)

Matthew 21:1, Mark 11:1; Luke 19:28; John 12:12

(Editor's Note: Dr. R.W. Perry is pastor of the historic Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, N.C.)

Introduction:

The last thirty years have witnessed a steady succession of public demonstrations for special causes. It was a nonviolent demonstration in Montgomery, Alabama, in the mid-fifties that started the civil rights movement and began Martin Luther King Jr., on a spectacular career as a leader of **the movement.** There have been **sit-ins** in exclusive stores and **kneel-ins** in segregated churches, dramatically calling **public attention** to **social and spiritual inequalities.** Peace marches have protested war and many others have lifted up causes they believe in.

Demonstrations are not new means of expression of public opinion. **The "Triumphal Entry"** of Jesus into Jerusalem on the last week in the life of our Lord was an **emotional demonstration.** Jerusalem was crowded with those who had gathered to observe the Passover season. This was the most **important feast of the year.** The crowds were keyed up with national expectations that God would raise up a King to deliver them from the power of Rome. Shouts of "Hosanna" filled the air as the crowd acclaimed Jesus as King. The King came riding — **not as an earthly King, on a white horse,** but as the **Kingly Prince of Peace, on a lowly donkey.**

His Courage

We Marvel at the Courage of Jesus. He publicly entered the hostile city. He could have skipped this dramatic entrance and slipped into Jerusalem after dark through the **back streets.** But His hour of coronation had arrived and He willingly occupied the center of the stage. Every eye was on Him, including the **envious** and **vengeful** eyes of His **enemies.**

His Claim

We Marvel at His open claim for Himself. He **allowed** the multitudes to recognize Him as God's Messiah. Had He been satisfied to be just another prophet, He would likely have escaped death at the hands of His adversaries. But He could not deny Himself. To be the Lord of all and, surely, to be the Saviour of persons, He consciously and confidently traveled a road that would lead **irrevocably to the cross.**

His Tears

We Marvel at His Tears. It is always a moving scene to see a **strong** person weep. But there comes times and experiences when words are powerless and when the only release from an overwhelming **sorrow** is the flow of tears. At such a time, tears are the good gift of God.

His Vision

Jesus stood above the beloved city of Jerusalem, and saw its **poverty,** its **materialism,** its **empty religious forms** and **practices,** and its **unbelief. He saw the hate** and **bitterness** of those who **plotted His death.** He saw the calloused rejection of His spiritual claims by the multitude. He saw the **impending doom that hung over the city.** He saw people teeming **multitudes of people,** as **sheep without a Shepherd.** And He wept in His overwhelming sorrow as **they faced the judgment of God.**

His Gracious Cowliness

We Marvel at His Gracious Lowliness. He appeared riding on a lowly donkey. The unsympathetic witnesses were probably amused and perplexed and scornful at this ludicrous demonstration. They were too blind to see that He was teaching them a vital lesson. His Kingdom is not of this world. His victory comes not through war, but through peace. Those who would follow Him are not the proud but the humble; not the self-sufficient rich, but the poor in spirit.

Why did He choose a donkey, so awkward, so stubborn, so lowly? If He couldn't do any better, why didn't He walk? (This is the only time the Bible records that He rode.) He was to teach us that whatever He touched, **He dignified.** He was to impress upon us that no matter how despised the object, Christ had use for him.

His Call

In the same manner:

He uses average, Ordinary People to do His will. There was not a highly educated person among the original disciples. Not one was a scholar. Not one had wealth or fame. Four had been fishermen. One had been a hated tax gatherer. They were men with weaknesses and flaws like the rest of us. Some had a firey nature. They stumbled and fell. Yet Jesus took these obscure men and through them turned the world upside down.

Christ will work with anyone **who will give Him a consecrated heart.** He is not impressed with our pious, false humility when we say, "He cannot use me because I'm not clever, I'm not talented, I'm not articulate." **He could use a lowly donkey.** He can use you. Praise the Lord as you surrender yourself to Him.

He Uses Dedicated People. Among the greatest Christians men of history, there are many who had obscure beginnings. John Bunyan was not a polished writer. He was limited in his education. Scholars sneered at his writings. But the response of the multitudes established his allegory, Pilgrim's Progress, as the greatest in the English language.

When William Booth founded the Salvation Army, the press ridiculed him. The London Times always put his rank of "General" in quotes. But he led and inspired an army for Christ that has spread around the world.

Dwight L. Moody was an unlettered man. **He never went to college.** His manner was crude. His grammer was atrocious. Someone said he was the only man he ever heard who could say **"Mesopotamia"** in one syllable. **English teachers came to hear him in order to condemn his grammar.** But they left praising the Christ whom Moody proclaimed. He was the greatest evangelistic influence of the **twentieth century.** He gave God everything he had, and God used him far beyond other more **talented,** but less dedicated, preachers.

At Carisbrooke Castle in England a donkey works in a little round house. His job is to go **around** and **around** and **around** in a circle. That is all he does. There is no starting place and no stopping place. "Is there any purpose in this endless circle?" we ask. Then we observed that he is drawing water from a very deep well in the heart of the Castle. He is not walking in circles for nothing. On a hot day he can give you a cool drink. A spirited horse would not submit himself to such drudgery and monotony. But even the most obscure and humble among us can draw water from the wells of the Spirit of God and give a drink to the thirsty.

Conclusion:

An impressive recruiting poster during World War II pictured Uncle Sam looking straight out at you and pointing his index finger in your face. Beneath were the words! I NEED YOU. The poster dramatically expressed urgency. America was fighting for her life.

Not only do we need Christ, but Christ needs us. He has no hands but our hands to do His deeds of kindness and mercy. He has no feet but our feet to do His errands of world mission. He has no tongue but our tongue to proclaim the good news of His Gospel. You may feel that you do not have much to offer. All He asks is the best of what we have. He does not even require success. All He requires is faithfulness. The Lord has need of you! He wants all of you right now, and forever.

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EDITORIAL

Living on Corn Patties

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

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A few months ago, one of my co-workers, Juana Rodriguez, returned from her home in Colombia, South America. She went there for a family wedding, but she also took time out to film women in poverty who are working hard to improve their living conditions.

The following story is taken from Juana's experiences.

In Zona Sur Oriental, a community just outside of the city of Cartagena, people have come to escape economic depression and violence found in many rural areas of Colombia. Many residents are small-scale enterpreneurs. Some are service sector workers who keep local tourism going or are laborers who keep the industries and ports running. Yet, many of them barely make ends meet. Inflation wreaks havoc in their meager wages of 20,000 to 30,000 pesos a month (80 to 120 U.S. dollars) and the polluted waters of the adjacent Bay of the Virgin spread sickness and disease.

In the midst of this poverty, Isabel Barrios, who lives in a humble dwelling with mud floors and walls made of haphazard wood planking, supports four children by selling corn patties on the streets. While life for her is no "crystal stair," she has received assistance to increase her income from the small business.

"I used to borrow from the money lender to buy food to make the corn patties," Isabel told Juana while boiling some patties in a large black caldron over an open fire. "But he wanted repayment the same day. I could never make enough corn patties to make a profit or to serve a larger clientele."

So Isabel joined Grupos Solidarios in July 1987. Part of a community development program funded by Catholic Relief Services, UNICEF and indirectly through U.S. foreign aid dollars, Isabel's solidarity group began providing her with training and small loans to help her take advantage of her skills.

"Now I can borrow 10,000 pesos a week ($40) to buy corn, millet and other ingredients," she said. "On a slow day, I sell 35 corn patties; on a fast day, 50. I even have some savings, and soon we'll be able to get some flooring for the house. Maybe my daughter will be able to go back to school...I want her to study and move ahead."

So why is Juana's encounter with Isabel so important?

Because throughout the Third World, women produce one half of the food and are vital to urban small scale economic activity, such as the women of this Colombian community. While women make up 52 percent of the world's population and put in 66 percent of the world's work hours, they receive only 10 percent of the world's income and own only one percent of the world's property.

Bread for the World, the 40,000-member Christian citizens lobby against hunger, invites Christians and churches to participate in a national letter-writing campaign — called an Offering of Letters — to increase U.S. support for programs that help women's development activities in Africa, Asia, Central America and other areas. By writing letters to your members of Congress, your church can effectively convince Congress to pass legislation which would (1) support and provide funds for development projects that benefit women, and (2) include women in the planning and implementation of development projects.

To participate, write Bread for the World for your Offering of Letters Kit. Send $5.50 plus $2 for postage and handling to Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 20018. We'll send you all that you need to "speak up for the people who cannot speak for themselves." (Proverbs 31:8-9)

And writing letters works! Last year, Bread for the World's letter-writing campaign helped increase funds for the Special Supplemental Feeding Program for Women, Infants and Children here in the United States by $73 million. And we did it during a year of budget cuts and stock market crashes. So turn your concern into action! Your congregation can be a positive catalyst toward improving the lives of poor and hungry people here at home and around the world.

Plan To Attend The National Baptist Congress

The General Baptist Travel Service has made arrangements for transportation and lodging for the forthcoming National Baptist Congress of Christian Education which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, June 19-24, 1988.

The plane will depart from Raleigh-Durham Airport at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 19, and Douglas Airport in Charlotte at 7:00 p.m. June 19, and return on Friday, June 24.

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Rising Star Calls Rev. L.D. Hash

Rising Star Baptist Church held installation services for their new pastor Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m.

The Rev. L.D. Hash, the church's new pastor, is a native of East Orange, N.J.

He attended schools in New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia. He graduated with honors from Winston-Salem State University in 1975. He has furthered his studies at Hood Theological Seminary where he was enrolled in the master of divinity program. Has also taken courses at Wake Forest University's School of Law.

Hash previously pastored at Bethany Church in Woodlawn, Va., and at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Winston-Salem. While a student at WSSU, he was one of the cofounders of the Interdenominational Youth for Christ Fellowship program. He served as one of the group's first co-presidents.

As an educator, Hash has been named Teacher of the Year and been a state finalist for the distinguished Terry Sanford Award for Creativity and Innovation in Teaching. Currently, he is the president of the High Point unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

He and his wife, Constance, have two children, Dwight and Kellie.

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Calling And Settling A Pastor: A Baptist Prospective

By John W. Fleming
Former Director of Church Relations, Shaw University

For many years the favorite, and sometimes the only method of calling a pastor has been "candidating." That was to call in several ministers to preach and then to vote on those who had been heard for the purpose of calling one to the pastorate of the particular church.

Such a technique followed almost slavishly is evidence that experience is not always a good teacher, that only when the meaning of experience is grasped does it become a great teacher.

What is wrong with the "candidating" method? It may be an easier question to ask, What is right with it? It has so little to commend it.

First, it ignores the fact that preaching, though important, is only one facet of the pastoral calling. Any minister has a pet sermon in his repertoire. And often, the person with the least to offer in other pastoral areas can "stir the eagle's nest" with his pet sermon.

Secondly, such a method makes the call political, divides the congregation into camps, and creates wounds that sometime never heal. "Candidating" then, is a divisive force. It works against that unity which is imperative for doing the work of Jesus Christ.

Thirdly, it boils down to a minister selling his wares, and thus, detracts from both the spirit and dignity of the task of calling a minister. He is required in such instances to demonstrate to the congregation that he is a superior pulpiteer to the others who have come or will come. It often forces a "candidate" to sacrifice dignity for the purpose of pleasing his hearers.

Having pointed up the "candidating" system as almost a sure way of failing to select the right man for the church, let us move to a more positive and practical polity for calling a minister.

The basic principle for governing every action in a Baptist Church is what William Ray McNutt has called "Soul Competency" **(Polity and Practice in Baptist Churches)**, that is, each Christian ". . . has written himself by divine gift and right those capacities that make him competent to meet all the demands with which genuine religion confronts him." (Page 21).

Because the Baptist church is supposedly a democratic institution with power invested in the **competent** membership, it has the power to ordain ministers. It also has the power to call and dismiss its own minister.

Since we have no book of church orders other than those orders we perceive as having foundation in the New Testament, there is no such thing as **the method of calling and settling a pastor.** Sometimes perceptions of New Testament doctrines vary from church to church, and even from individual to individual. Often, when it comes to the task of calling a minister, confusion reigns supreme.

The principle of competency demands that a church seeking a minister develop a well thought out polity, an efficient and dignified method of calling a pastor. Let me then suggest a procedure based on McNutt's book, Chapter V.

I. THE APPOINTMENT OF A PULPIT COMMITTEE

As soon as possible as the former minister has left, the church should appoint a pulpit committee.

A. It should be made up of men and women from the membership who are respected for their insight and wisdom.

B. It should be representative of the major facets of the church.

EXAMPLE

Deacons	3
Teaching & Training Program	2
Missionary Circle	1
Choral Groups	1
Ushers	1
Others (Miscellaneous groups)	1

C. The Committee should be charged with the task of seeking out and presenting to the church at a prearranged time one whom they consider worthy of becoming the new shepherd of the flock.

II. THE COMMITTEE IN ACTION

This committee should waste no time getting down to business.

A. The first act should be to meet in an unhurried session in which divine guidance is sought. After which a chairman and secretary should be selected. Everything should be carried out in orderly fashion, and records of all proceedings should be kept.

B. The next item on the agenda will be to carefully plan a detailed method of procedure for the committee, and letting the church know as early as possible the procedural process that will be followed. This phase of the agenda may take several sessions.

But McNutt offers a good guide worthy of consideration **(Ibid., page 83).**

1. To invite immediately to the pulpit and pastoral function, as **ad interim** minister, someone not a possible candidate.

2. To present to the church as a candidate only such a one as is proved, after thorough investigation of his past record and his standing in the denomination, to be a man of Christian character above question or reproach, and who has been hitherto uniformly successful.

3. To present as a candidate only that man whom the committee has heard preach in his own pulpit and observed at work among his own people, and concerning whom the committee is a unit in believing to be the minister needed by the church at the present juncture.

4. To present **the church only one candidate at the time**, urging that he be accepted or rejected. If the latter eventuates, to seek another in accordance with the foregoing procedure.

5. To make haste slowly, assured that all will be well under guidance of the ad interim minister, thus giving ample time to locate a minister suited to the present need. I would call to your attention that the democratic principle of competency runs like a thread throughout this procedure. First, the committee is appointed **by the church** and is commissioned by it with the task of calling a pastor. Secondly, the committee establishes a procedural process which it brings to the church for approval. Thirdly, the committee recommends to the church a potential minister on whom the church votes. That person can be accepted or rejected. If it is the latter, the process if repeated.

Another observation is in order. **Calling a minister is not a one-sided affair.** Not only must a church establish criteria of what it expects of its minister, but it must hear what the potential pastor expects of the church. To clarify the two stands so that there will be a start on the right foot is imperative.

Let us scrutinize now some of the implicit and explicit suggestions.

I. The Ad Interim Minister

While the Latin term, **ad** interim, meaning in the meantime or in the interval, is in order, we usually settle with saying "interim minister." The basic idea is to get someone to preach and handle basic pastoral duties in the interval between the leaving of the former minister and the coming of the new pastor. This man could be a retired minister who has the know how and who also possesses the character that will maintain the church's integrity. This move will facilitate:

A. The giving to the pulpit committee the time necessary to find a good man for the pastorate.

B. The smooth operation of the Church during the interval between pastors.

C. A cooling off of the fever that would result from the competition of hearing a different candidate for several Sundays.

II. Thorough Investigation

The committee will have no problem with receiving names of potential ministers. Often, it can be determined by the committee that a number of the suggested people will not fit the need of the congregation. Those names can be eliminated. By this process and other criteria, it is best for the committee to eliminate all but two or three names from the list.

Next it should start with one for whom there should be complete agreement by the committee and they should try to assemble all the information possible on this person, including

A. Religious, educational and cultural backgrounds.

B. His family life and community relationships.

C. Activities and achievements in the churches that he has served.

D. Leadership ability: wisdom, sincerity, religious commitment, and ability to be a unifying force.

E. His standing with fellow ministers and with denominational leaders.

In short, the committee should conduct a thorough investigation of the potential pastor. It may save the congregation from a number of woes and problems later.

III. Committee Visitation

If the person being considered pastors a church not too far away, the committee should visit that church one Sunday unannounced and, if possible, unobserved, to see the minister as a worship leader in a natural situation. From time-to-time individual members of the committee should visit for further assessments.

If the church is too far away for such visitations, two alternatives can be considered: (1) Send one member whose judgment is respected at the expense of the church to hear the man and bring back an evaluative report. (2) Get a friend in another church in the community where this minister is pastoring to observe and send a report.

If reports are favorable, and if the committee is in agreement, then direct negotiations between the committee and the minister should begin. That negotiation should cover the following questions?

A. Will the minister consider coming to the vacant church?

B. What salary range will he consider?

C. If called, when could he assume the pastorate?

If everything turns out satisfactory, an appointment for him to preach at the church on a Sunday as early as possible should be arranged. If possible, it should be arranged for him to stay a few days and to attend the mid-week prayer meeting.

In a short period thereafter, say ten days, the church should vote upon the matter of extending a call. More than likely, the congregation will go along with the recommendation of the pulpit committee, but if not, the process should be repeated.

IV. One Candidate At A Time!

A multiplicity of candidates, as already indicated, makes for divisiveness. First and foremost with the committee should be the maintenance of unity. They will insist on presenting one candidate at a time.

V. Make Haste Slowly

If there is a good **ad interim** minister, there is no need of hurrying. Such haste usually results in problems. Just because a man is a good preacher does not necessarily mean that he is a good teacher, counselor, administrator and community leader. We must realize that a good pastor is just that — a shepherd of a flock, and that a good shepherd must know his sheep and be able to lead them. A pastor who may be a good shepherd with one flock may not be a good one with another flock. It is best to proceed with caution. Even at that, mistakes can be made. There is no sure fire way of assuring success, but an adequate plan will help.

STATE MISSION

Laymen's League Calendar

April 23	Layment Fellowship and One Day Session and Hall of Fame Luncheon First Baptist, Burlington, NC
May 3	Vote (State and Local Primaries in N.C.)
4-5	General Baptist State Convention One Day Session Mount Vernon Baptist, High Point, N.C.
7	Shaw University Commencement Convocation
8	Mother's Day
21	Central Children's Home Parents and Friends Day
June 11	Laymen's League Study Commission & Mini Skills Conference J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
19	Father's Day
July 16	(Saturday) All Baptist Picnic J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
24-28	(Sunday evening through Thursday afternoon) All Baptist Assembly (GBSC, WBHFMC, Sunday School & BTU, Ushers, Laymen) Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC
August 5-6	Laymen's Summer Retreat J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
Sept. 10	Study Commission Meets at Ebenezer Baptist, Wilmington, 10:00 a.m.

Church Pastor Needed

The Pulpit Committee of Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, North Carolina is seeking a pastor for the church. All candidates must meet the following qualifications:

— Ordained minister with at least 5 years pastoral experience
— Must be a Missionary Baptist
— High school graduate with some college level courses
— Must be willing and able to reside in Hickory, N.C.
— Must be married
— Must be between 30 and 48 years of age

In addition, health will be a key consideration for selection.

For further information and application forms, please write to:

Chairman
Friendship Baptist Church Pulpit Committee
P.O. Box 3526
Hickory, N.C. 28603-3526

To be considered, all applications must be received no later than May 30, 1988.

General Baptist State Convention Of North Carolina, Incorporated

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First Baptist Church, Burlington, N.C.
Saturday, April 23, 1988
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Music "Rise Up O Men Of God"
Words of Welcome Local Laymen
Response 1st V.P. Bro. George Turner
Recognition of GBSC Officers and Auxiliary Heads
Music Laymen's Chorus
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Plenary Session: Reports, Recommendations, et al.
Presentation of the Speaker Charles C. Alston
Music Laymen Chorus
Sermon Rev. John Mendez
Announcements
Benediction Rev. John Mendez

Theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Christian Stewardship"

The members of the North Carolina Laymen's League Auxiliary offer thanks and appreciation to First Baptist and other churches in the Burlington area for the many things done in order to make our visit a memorable one. May God's richest blessings continue to be with you.

Department of Christian Education
Dr. Leo Williams, Jr., Director
Some Christian Education Centered Activities for 1988

1. Saturday, March 26, 1988 — Vacation Bible School Clinic for Leaders (Pastors, Superintendents, Vacation Bible School Directors, Congress Officers, and District Sunday School Conventions Presidents), Friendship Baptist Church, Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, Dr. Clifford A. Jones, pastor. Registration 9:00 a.m. $7.00 each for printed materials and certificated of study. Class period 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own.
2. Saturday, April 16, 1988, 10:00 a.m. — State Congress of Christian Education Curriculum Committee meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh.
3. Tuesday, April 19, 1988, 2:00 p.m. — State Christian Education Committee meeting, Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh.
4. Tuesday, April 19, 1988, 2:00 p.m. — State Baptist Assembly Committee meeting, Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh.
5. The month of April — Complete your plans for a Vacation Bible School in each church.
6. Saturday, May 21, 1988 — Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Leaders Conference — J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education

1988 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest

Subjects for Seniors:
1. Choices Have Consequences
2. When Losing Is Winning
3. Its All Right To Say No
4. Drugs And Teen-Agers
5. Immorality Weakens The Body of Christ
6. Honoring Our Parents
7. The Joy of Salvation
8. The Golden Key of Success: Jesus Christ
9. Building Christian Homes
10. God Will Take Care of You

Subjects For Juniors:
1. The Lord Is My Shepherd
2. Be Ye Doers of The Word
3. Combatting Drugs
4. Create In Me A Clean Heart
5. I am A Witness For Christ
6. Give Your Best To The Master
7. Be Sincere
8. Promoting Family Worship
9. The Body — God's Temple
10. Take Time For Christian Living

Rules:
1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen (as of July, 1988) who are active in their churches. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students (as of July, 1988) who are active in their churches.
2. Contestants must be certified by their Training Director or Sunday School Superintendent.
3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
4. Each contestant must compose and memorize his speech; notes will not be allowed.
5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on personal qualities (20), material content and organization (30), delivery and presentation (30), and overall effectiveness (20).
7. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation: first place $150.00; second place $100.00; and third place $50.00. Scholarship checks are awarded upon the enrollment of the contestant at Shaw University. In case the winner chooses not to attend Shaw University, the funds will be donated to Shaw University in the contestant's name.
8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive plaques of participation. All participants will receive certificates.

Churches, Associations, and District Convention contests should precede the State Congress contest. Churches are encouraged to inspire their young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Correspond with: Mrs. Janie W. Clayton, Director of Contest, 202 Hillcrest Lane, Clayton, North Carolina 27520.

From The "Baptist Informer"

Bookshelf

By Rev. Jason A. Barr,
Associate Book Review Editor



Reverend Jason Barr,
Book Review Editor

W.E.B. Du Bois: Black Radical Democrat by Manning Marable. Boston, Massachusetts: Twayne Publishers. 285 pp. 1986.

Many black Americans are familiar with W.E.B. Du Bois as a scholar of an earlier generation. Fewer, especially of the contemporary generation, are aware of his philosophy and impact on twentieth century thinking on what he termed "the color problem." Some have a distorted or incomplete understanding of Bu Bois's vision for black people. Manning Marable's book **W.E.B. Du Bois: Black Radical Democrat**, makes significant strides in informing, reforming and transforming the thinking of the world about Du Bois.

Manning Marable is a professor of sociology and political science and Senior Scholar of Afro-American Studies at Purdue University. This young scholar has had a very productive career and his work on Du Bois is, in the words of Dr. Herbert Aptheker (editor of the **Correspondence of W.E.B. Du Bois**), "the best so far available." Marable's biography of Du Bois is comprehensive and insightful.

In this volume Marable documents and develops Du Bois's life, thinking, writings and conflicts. Du Bois's childhood and matriculation at Fisk and Harvard Universities are depicted as years in which Du Bois was very aware of his intellectual gifts. Marable then proceeds to share the vicissitudes of Du Bois's adult life. These include his double tenure as a professor at Atlanta University, two terms in the employ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, his various endeavors to mobilize the intellectual elite of black America, and his final days as an expatriate in Ghana. Throughout the book Du Bois is seen as the "intellectual superior of his colleagues and adversaries." One aspect of the book that distinguishes it from other treatments of Du Bois is the inclusion of an analysis of his writings, published and unpublished, after 1940.

The reader will discover that contrary to popular opinion, Du Bois did not alter his philosophy radically based on the situation encountered. Instead Du Bois was, Marable asserts, consistent and immutable in his convictions. He was a "radical democratic socialist" who was often misunderstood and misinterpreted.

One of the salient points that Marable makes is that Du Bois was extremely conciliatory to those who despised him. These despisers are portrayed as either jealous of Du Bois or simply did not appreciate and comprehend his genius. His attempts at conciliation were extended to such detractors as Marcus Garvey, Carter G. Woodson, Walter White, and, to a lesser degree, Booker T. Washington.

Of particular interest are the chapters that include details of the famous battle of words between Du Bois and Washington. If Marable is correct, Booker T. Washington was one of the most mefarious, opportunistic, insecure and vindictive men of modern civilization. This potentate used every available resource to "destroy his black opponents, personally and professionally." Through shrewd manipulation Washington was able to block the appointment of many college professors and administrators to pretigious posts. Washington was so powerful that "Ministers [who opposed him] were concerned about loosing their churches." Washington's attempts to ruin Du Bois were not as successful because of Du Bois's tenacious nature.

The Du Bois-Washington debate, as it is described by Marable, is one of the strengths of the book. The reader is allowed to vicariously participate in the battle between these two leaders. Most readers will find themselves rejoicing with the protagonist Du Bois in his victories, and applauding the antagonist Washington in his defeats, through few they are.

It is, however, the foregoing strength of the book that can also be viewed as its weakness. Marable makes an effort at being objective. He does discuss Du Bois's weaknesses and relates them to his inability to excite the masses or get along with his peers. Nevertheless, one will not help but feel that the book is apologetic. When Marable writes about Du Bois's shortcomings he invariably finds a way to defend them.

This weakness aside, Marable's book would be an excellent addition to the library of all black Americans. The objective of the book is to inform the reader about Du Bois's social and political philosophy, but it also educates the reader. Those who have little or no grasp of black history or American history from 1870-1963 will become enlightened and will come to appreciate one of the most influential men of our time.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Dr. John Bryant Honored

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

The Rev. John Henry Bryant, Jr., of 1008 Hadley Road, Raleigh, was honored in a special ceremony at New Bethel Baptist Church, Henderson, on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity which was awarded him by Metanoia Theological Seminary of Atlanta, Ga.

Bryant, a graduate of Jones County High School, Trenton, has studied history and religion at Shaw University and automotive mechanics at Wake Technical Institute. He holds a bachelor of theology degree from Metanoia.

Beginning his duties as a church pastor in 1951, he has pastored Baptist churches in the communities of Bailey, Smithfield, Badin, Raleigh, Goldston and Sanford. At the present time, he is pastor of New Bethel Baptist and New Corinth Baptist Church, Oxford. Bryant is a member of the Wake Democratic Men's Club and his biographical data appears in "Personalities in the South." He is the owner of Bryant's Insurance Agency, Raleigh, and is married to Nettie J. Bryant. They have one son, Patrick H. Bryant.

Rev. Dr. William H. Garner, professor of sociology, University of the District of Columbia, delivered the address for the occasion. Other program participants included the Rev. Dr. Willie B. Lewis, pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh; the Hon. Dr. James P. Green, Henderson alderman and physician; Rev. Florence McGhee, Wake Forest University Seminary graduate; numerous other ministers, deacons, church officials, and musical groups. Presiding at the program and conferring the degree for the seminary was Dr. Clara Barnes Jenkins, professor of education and psychology, St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va.



Dr. and Mrs. Bryant, front row, along with special guest.



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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

People For The Arts Concert A Success

People for the Arts presented its annual concert recently before a modest audience in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. Willie Jordan-Williams, soprano, and James Longmire, bass-baritone, performed a program thoughtfully laid-out and carefully planned to include examples of classical music, opera, contemporary art songs and spirituals. Annette Bandy was the pianist and conquered the often difficult accompaniments with panache.

The program included a difficult Haydn duet from "The Creation," two Brahms songs for each soloist and arias from Puccini's "La Boheme." Mrs. Bandy showed a real flair for the Brahms, never easy to play. The singers exhibited judicious tempos, carefully controlled climaxes and superb diction, in both German and English. It is rare that one is able to understand every word, but this was the case. A group of Samuel Barber songs supplied the 20th century flavor as did the Gershwin duet from Porgy and Bess that concluded the program.

Ms. Jordan-Williams possesses a big clear voice. She has studied and performed widely in North Carolina and abroad, and has received the award from the City of Raleigh for



Ms. Willie Jordan-Williams
Director of Music
State Congress of Christian Education
Executive Director
People for The Arts, Inc.

"Extraordinary Achievement in the Arts." James Longmire is artist-in-residence at St. Augustine's College and has been heard in oratorio and concert performances in the area. Their collaboration was a treat.

— Nell Hirschberg

University Religious Emphasis Week

Led By Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.

Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., is pastor of the historic Nineteenth Street Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., where he has served since 1946. For 20 years he was Chaplain to the baptist faculty and students at Howard University. Presently he is Protestant Chaplain to the District of Columbia Detention Facility.

Dr. Moore was born in Minden, LA., and attended public schools in Webster Parish. He was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree by Morehouse College and received the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees from Howard University. He continued post-graduate studies at American University, University of Southern California, and Wesley Seminary. Bishop College and Virginia Union University bestowed, respectively, Doctor of Humanities and Doctor of Divinity degrees on him.

In 1982 he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Dr. Moore served as Council Member at Large on the Council of the District of Columbia for 15 years. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Rev. Moore is a past Chairman of the following boards: Transportation Planning, Water Resource Planning, and Air Quality. He was President of the Council of Governments for one term. He co-founded the 750 member conference of Minority Transportation Officials.

Many religious and secular organizations have claimed his services, including the Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, the Baptist World Alliance, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, the International Society of Christian Endeavor, the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is past president of the Baptist Convention of D.C. and Vicinity, as well as retired Chaplain from the District of Columbia Detention Center.

His Community organizations are numerous. Among them are the NAACE, Urban League, Pigskin Club, UMCA, Operation PUSH, Columbia Hospital for Women, Northwest Settlement House, and Rock Creek East Civic Association.

Dr. Moore has been awarded over 150 plaques and certificates for outstanding service.



Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.

He and his wife, Ettyce, have two sons and one grandson.

Dr. Moore led workshops, seminars, and worship while in Raleigh, February 14-17, 1988, his final sermon, "Meet Me At The Burning Bush" inspired the entire university community.



Participants and special guest during Religious Emphasis Week at Shaw University

Down East Dedicated Service — 159 Years?

By George E. Mainor

Recently four (4) churches of the Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association joined together at the Marshall Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, N.C. where Rev. Donnie Hester is the pastor to show their love and appreciation to Mrs. Tempye Murphy Mainor, who had guided them as church music Director and Pianist for many years. She has been at this church on 2nd (second) Sundays for 41 (forty-one) years. First Baptist Church of Kellumtown, Rev. A.M. Kelly pastor, on 1st (first) Sundays for 41 (forty-one) years; Washington Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Floyd D. Jones, Sr., pastor, on 3rd (third) Sundays for 41 (forty-one) years, Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. E.W. Wooten, pastor on 4th (fourth) Sundays for 36 (thirty-six) years.

The Combined Choirs of Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church rendered the music, accompanist was Mrs. Josephine M. Wooten the daughter of Mrs. Mainor and the late Rev. Joseph A. Mainor.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. Wooten who is also Moderator of the T.R.O.G.M.B. Association. He chose text Psalms 107:1-2. Subject: "Somebody ought to say Something."

Mrs. Pauline Humphrey was Mistress of Ceremony. Mrs. Sarah Pearson read the history, Mrs. Dessie Simmons pinned the corsage. Many kind words and presentations of Love were expressed by the Pastors, T.R.O.G.M.B. Assoc. Executive Board Chairman Dr. Willie A. Greene, Choir Presidents, choir members, and friends that included Mr. Harley Jerome Washington, a former piano student of Mrs. Mainor's and is now a Concert Pianist residing in New York, New York.

Telegrams included Mrs. Trudy Humphrey-Bennett, a former student residing in Chicago, Illinois and is pianist for a church there. Telegram for Mrs. Mainor's sister Mrs. Edna M. Farmer of the Bronx, New York.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Mainor's brother Elder George F. Murphy and daughter. Sister, Mrs. Rubye Johnson of Roseboro, N.C., and niece Hettie Watkins her children and grandchildren of Maple Hill, N.C.

A delicious meal was served in the fellowship hall of the church.

Through smiles and tears Mrs. Mainor thanked everyone for this occasion and asked for prayer.

Mrs. Mainor came to Onslow County, Jacksonville, N.C. in 1944 with her husband the late Rev. Joseph A. Mainor who was employed at Camp Lejuene. He retired here. Their children include a daughter Josephine Idella and two sons John A. and George E. Mainor resides in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Mainor is also a retired Onslow County Public School Personnel and a member of the National and Local A.R.R.P. and the I.M.W. (Interdenominational Ministers Wives) and M.W. (Ministers Widows) Assoc. Local, State and National.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Rev. John H. Walker Installed As Pastor Of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

On Sunday, February 28, 1988, at 5:00 p.m., the Reverend John H. Walker was installed as pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. The service was conducted by Walker's home church, the New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. where Dr. Cardes H. Brown, Jr. serves as pastor. Dr. Brown preached the installation message, "God's Message to the Church Through the Preacher," Romans 10:13-14.

Rev. John H. Walker was born to the late Leforic Walker, Sr. and Inez Walker in Goodwater, Alabama.

He attended the public schools in Goodwater and graduated from the Goodwater High School.

After high school graduation, he entered the U.S. Army serving for three years. In 1980, he received an honorable discharge and later an Army Commendation Medal.

He moved to Greensboro, N.C. in 1980 and joined the New Light Baptist Church where he served in various offices.

In 1982, he accepted his called to the Gospel Ministry and preached his initial sermon at the New Light Baptist Church. On March 16, 1982, he was licensed to preach by the New Light Baptist Church.

Shortly after receiving his license, he enrolled at the Greensboro Bible College where he received a Bible Degree, Theology Degree and graduated as the Valedictorian of his graduating class of 1986.

He was ordained by the Guilford Educational Missionary Baptist Association on January 8, 1985.

He is married to Rosie Knight and the parent of one daughter, Janetta.

In 1980, he accepted employment with the City of Greensboro Fire Department. He has continued this employment with the Fire Department as a Firefighter.

He is presently continuing his education at Shaw University High Point Branch.

Galilee Plans 34th Anniversary Celebration During March

The month of March has been designated as Anniversary Month at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, where Dr. Warnie C. Hay is pastor.

The theme for the celebration is Psalm 127:verse 1: "Except the Lord built the house they labour in vain that build it, except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

The theme song for the occasion is "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul."

Hay will observe his 28th anniversary as pastor of Galilee and Galilee will celebrate its 34th anniversary. Two sons of the church will return as guest ministers for the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Rev. Kevin Craig Ingram preached March 6 and the Rev. Darryl W. Robinson, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Lexington, delivered the message March 13.

E.E. Bailey, associate minister at Galilee, delivered the message March 20 at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Terry McCaskill, a former pastor in Salisbury currently enrolled at Morehead University, delivered the final anniversary message March 27.

The celebration ended with a fellowship tea at 6 p.m. March 27.

The Rev. Bruce Kendall gave remarks at the occasion.

Galilee Baptist Church is located at 575 Martin Luther King Drive.

Three General Baptist Graduate

Wake Forest, N.C. — Three North Carolina General Baptist students were among 92 graduates in Southeastern Seminary's December commencement, who received Master of Divinity.



James H. Graves, High Point, N.C.



Cynthia Lynn McCullough, Charlotte, NC



Angelo McKinley Troy, Bolton, NC

Leadership Styles. . .1988

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Interim Editor

Raleigh — The GBSC Leadership Styles. . .1988 Conference met January 22, 1988 at the James S. McKimmon Center, Raleigh, N.C. The conference was Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The conference focused on historic Black Religious Leadership Styles during the Boycott Era; Sit-Ins; Marches and Demonstrations from a political, economic, and prophetic perspective. Dr. Sidney Locks, a North Carolina State Representative and pastor of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church Lumberton, N.C. and Dr. William Shaw, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. were the conference leaders.

The Conference focused on the leadership style of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the role of the preacher in 1988 and beyond in effecting change. The program was sponsored by the Ministers' Council of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



From L to R: Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.; Dr. C.C. Craig; Dr. J.B. Humphrey; Dr. William Shaw; Representative Sidney Locks.



Participants in the Leadership Styles ...1988 Conference, January 22, 1988.

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Tabernacle, Gastonia, V.M. Worthy	1,420.00
	3,917.00
Gold Hill Association, Jason A. Barr	
Gold Hill Association	350.00
Gold Hill, Rutherfordton, L.A. Mills	30.00
Green Creek, Tryon, Wallace H. Gaffney	200.00
Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, Norman Kerry, Jr.	500.00
New Zion, Spindale, Jason A. Barr	600.00
Webbs First, Ellenboro	155.00
Wheats Creek, Rutherfordton,	
Spencer E. Wilkins	100.00
	1,935.00
Guilding Light Association, L.A. Reid	
Guilding Light Association	500.00
Guildford Association, B.D. Curtis	
Elm Grove, Reidsville,	
Clarence Johnson	20.00
Foster Grove, Jamestown,	
B.D. Curtis	200.00
Friendship, High Point, J.W. Flake	400.00
New Light Greensboro, C.H. Brown, Jr.	643.48
	1,263.48
Hammonds Creek, C.T. Bowen	
Hammonds Creek Association	500.00
White's Creek, Clarton,	
J.R. Godfrey	370.00
	870.00
High Point Association, W.L. Wilson	
Gethsemane, Greensboro,	
J.W. Reid	250.00
Oak Ridge First, Oak Ridge,	
James A. Webster	300.00
St. James, Greensboro,	
Prince E. Graves	200.00
	750.00
Hyde County Association, Crawford Anthony	
Hyde County Association	150.00
Faithful Hannah, Engelhard,	
Ed Alexander	46.10
Mt. Pilgrim, Engelhard, J.C. Chance, Sr.	77.00
Mt. Sinai, Engelhard, C.R. Anthony	32.10
Old Richmond, Swan Quarters,	
Jessie Harvey	20.00
Pleasant Grove, Engelhard,	
C.R. Anthony	111.45
St. John, Scranton,	123.36
St. Miller, Belhaven, Henderson Harris	28.49
	588.50
Johnston District Association, William Lucas	
Johnston District Association	300.00
First, Smithfield,	250.02
Good Samaritian, Garner, L.J. Penny	270.00
Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton,	
Joseph Rodgers	425.00
New Hill, Knightdale, W.M. Giles	25.00
New Vester, Sims, S.L. Ballentine	96.88
Oakey Grove, Clayton, Roger Brodie	50.00
St. Amanda, Garner, Gaddis Barnes	319.81
Southern Grove, Kenly,	25.00
Watts Chapel, Raleigh, F.B. Weaver	310.00
	2,071.71
Kenansville Eastern Association, John D. Morrisey	
Kenansville Eastern Association	1,000.00
Central, Wilmington, Moses Wilson	100.00
First, Warsaw, R.K. Best	15.00
First, Wilmington, J.Z. Windley	600.00
Greater Six Run, Turkey,	
Leslie Morrisey	100.00
New First, Kenansville, William J. Moore	15.00
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, C.W. Wright	300.00
Peters Tabernacle, Wallace,	
Louis Wright	50.00
Roseville, Willard, Leonard R. Faison	800.00
St. Luke, Mt. Olive, F.L. Daniels	45.00
Shiloh, Williamston, Edmond Coston	110.00
Union Chapel, Burgaw, Alton Murphy	200.00
	3,335.00
Lane Creek Association, L.D. Parker	
Lane Creek Association	1,500.00
Antioch, Chadbourn, J.W. Davis	385.00
Grace Memorial, Charlotte, J.W. Davis	100.00
Elizabeth, Marshville, H.L. Nicholson	252.00
Liberty Hall, Waxhaw, David Cooke Jr.	350.00
Mt. Nebo, Waxhaw, Elder Bruce	7.00
Mt. Pisgah, Waxhaw, W.T. Richardson	256.00
Piney Grove, Marshville	591.18
Red Branch, Mint Hill, Winford Galmon	160.00
St. Davie, Wingate, J.B. Crowder	431.58
St. Luke, Charlotte, L.D. Parker	1,014.00
	5,246.76
Lumber River, E.B. Turner	
Columbus & Bladin Union	201.00
Robeson Union	465.00
Antioch, Proctorville,	
Theodore Breeden	350.00
Bryant Swamp, Blanden, C.E. Johnson	435.00
First, Bladenboro, A.C. Jones	20.00
First, Fairmont, J.J. Johnson	665.00
First, Lumberton, E.B. Turner	525.00
Greenville, Lumberton,	
Thomas Southerland	20.00
Hester Chapel, Lumberton	72.00
Mill Branch, Fairmont,	207.00
New Bethel, Lumberton,	
Jerry T. Stephen Sr.	10.00
Oak Grove, Fairmont,	138.00
Pleasant Meadows, Lumberton	318.00
St. Mary's, Chadbourn, David Lee	35.00
Star of Bethlehem, Fairmont,	
W.C. Marable	285.00
Thompson Chapel, Lumberton,	90.00
	3,836.00
Mecklenburg-General Association, Clifford A. Jones	
Bible, Charlotte, I. Milledge	150.00
First (West), Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey	1,801.00
First Mt. Zion, Charlotte, C.V. Owens	220.00
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte,	
George Cooke, Jr.	735.00
Macedonia, Concord, S. Long	200.00
Macedonia, Charlotte, L.J. Wallace	200.00
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte,	
Leon C. Reddrick	2,500.00
New St. John, Charlotte,	
Robert H. Logan, Jr.	100.00
Silver Mt., Pineville, William Lee Jr.	475.00
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J.W. Wallace Sr.	900.00
Trinity Park, Charlotte,	
Robert McMiller	100.00
	7,381.00
Middle Baptist Association, John G. McKnight	
Middle Baptist Association	669.19
Allen Chapel, Louisburg,	
Charles L. Dunston	570.00
Big Ruin Creek, Henderson,	
Clyde B. Walton	370.00
Gethsemane, Bunn,	376.85
Hawkins Chapel, Franklin Co.,	
W.S. Taylor	354.13
Nelson Chapel, Louisburg,	
E.L. Brodie Sr.	575.00
New Bethel, Henderson, J.H. Bryant	100.00
Red Bud, Henderson, J.E. Hall	132.20
Shiloh, Kittrell, A. Bernard Morrison	170.00
Spring Street, Henderson	100.00
Welcome Chapel, Henderson,	
Charles Cobb	10.00
	3,427.37
Middle District Association, B.L. Rich	
Middle District Association	1,829.46
Daughters of Zion Auxiliary	200.00
Adoram, Wallace, Stanley, A. Richardson	200.00
Andrews Chapel, Clinton, C.H. Reddrick	271.00
Cantuck, Currie, B.P. Houze	340.00
Ebenezer, Wilmington, Keith B. Wiley	1,870.00
Fallingrun, Fayetteville,	1,020.11
First, Armour, R.F. Peterson	152.00
Garland First, Garland,	
Samuel McDonald	30.00
First, Bladman	15.00
Lakes Chapel, Atkinson, C.W. Pate	142.14
New Christian, Rose Hill,	
Cornoluis Moore	119.00
St. Lewis, Chinquapin,	
Robert F. Peterson	184.50
Shiloh, Wilmington, W. Prince Vaughn	20.00
Shoulders Branches, Castle Haynes,	
Leo Stevens	110.15
Snow Hill, Ivanhoe, E.M. Williams	25.00
Union Hill, Autryville, Carroll Midgett	200.00
	6,548.36
Middle Ground Association, Walter Cherry Jr.	
Middle Ground Association	100.00
Barnabas Chapel, Williamston,	
Frank Hyman	258.46
Belmont, Robersonville,	75.00
Cedar Hill, Williamston, E.L. Powell	400.00
Chapel Hill, Williamston, T.R. Vines	50.00
Christ Temple, Robersonville,	
M.A. Reddrick	70.00
Conetoe, Tarboro, T.R. Vines	150.00
Lilly Of The Valley, Plymouth,	
John Williams	300.00
Long Ridge, Plymouth, Herman Young	200.00
Macedonia, Williamston,	
Freddie Hyman	200.00
Mayo Chapel, Tarboro,	290.00
Olive Branch, Parmele, John Williams	75.00
Pine Chapel, Pinetops,	
Butler McKinnon	1,135.43
Poplar Point, Williamston,	
Brady Carmack	150.00
Rock Hill, Williamston, Elijah Crandol	50.00
St. John, Stokes, M.A. Riddick	129.77
St. Mark, Whitakers, C.H. Miller	10.00
St. Matthews, Rocky Mtn., Walter Cherry	85.00
St. Paul's, Oak City, G.L. Harris	200.00
Sandy Point, Williamston,	
Joseph Robinson	35.00
Second Zion, Plymouth, W.V. Pritchette	200.00
Viney Oak, Oak City,	30.00
Weeping Mary, Hassel,	142.00
Willow Chapel, Robersonville, W. Hines	305.47
Wynn Chapel, Robersonville,	389.30
	3,030.43
Mount Peace Association, A.G. Coley	
Mt. Peace Association	100.00
Bethlehem, Charlotte,	
Welch H. Caldwell Jr.	10.00
Chapel Hill, Huntersville,	
Charles N. Gray	328.80
Faith Memorial, Charlotte,	
Welch H. Caldwell	400.00
First Mt. Calvary, Charlotte,	
James Hawthrone	393.75
Gethsemane, Charlotte,	
C.E. Dewberry	910.00
Greater Galilee, Charlotte,	
W. McKissick	4,500.00
Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, H.S. Diggs	35.00
Mt. Olive, Huntersville, M.B. McIlwain	20.00
Mt. Vernon, Iron Station, Wade Wallace	150.00
Mt. Zion, Charlotte, Ulysses Elder	40.00
New Salem, Charlotte, A.L. Jinwright	375.00
New Zion, Charlotte,	
Jeremiah Robinson	315.00
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte,	
J.A. Cuthberton	1,400.00
St. Paul Community, Charlotte,	
R.M. Young	735.00
St. Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond	2,020.00
	11,372.55
Mountain & Catawba Association, C.E. Rowe	
Chester Grove, Statesville,	
Charles Ferguson	400.00
Clarks Chapel, Statesville, C.B. Mingo	30.00
Liberty Hill, Claremont, E.L. Wilkerson	300.00
Morning Star First, Hickory,	
Webster E. Lytle	500.00
Mt. Moriah, Marion, James E. Williams	35.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir,	100.00
New Prospect, Sherrills Ford, C.E. Rowe	325.00
St. James First, Troutman, Leroy Wilson	240.00
Third Creek, Stony Point, J.H. Thomas	540.00
	2,470.00
Mud Creek Association, Nilous Avery	
Mnd Creek Association	500.00
Asheville District Laymen League Union	50.00
First Nazareth, Asheville, C.R. Mosley	200.00
Glade Creek, Pisgah Forest, W.C. Wynn	200.00
Hill Street, Asheville, Nilous M. Avery	1,015.00
Mills Chapel, Black Mtn., J.E. Smith	400.00
Mt. Carmel, Arden, J.H. Sullivan	75.00
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J.W. White	50.00
New Mt. Olive, Asheville, O.T. Tomes	1,801.92
New Salem, Swannanoa,	150.00
Union Grove, Hendersonville,	
Q.E. Owens	415.00
World Wide Tabernacle, Asheville,	
Wesley Grant Sr.	100.00
	4,956.92
Neuse River Association, G.A. Gilchrist	
Neuse River Association	350.00
Allen Grove, Halifax, J.E. Barham	93.27
Bethlehem, Seaboard,	
Edward R. Fleming	348.00
Castalia, Castalia, L.E. Edwards	95.00
Cedar Grove, Henrico, F.C. Mitchell	144.36
Eastern Star, Tarboro,	
Richard E. Joyner	2,997.88
Ebenezer, Rocky Mt. Thomas L. Walker	600.00
First, Battleboro, N.M. Johnson	300.00
First, Weldon, J.B. Moore	934.27
Foster Memorial, Rocky Mtn.,	
Jeremiah Webb	304.00
Friendship, Rocky Mtn., D.D. Williams	200.00
Galilee, Tillery, James E. Clements	100.00
Hickory View, Rocky Mtn.,	
Lonnie Braswell	700.00
Leggett Chapel, Leggett,	
Willie Taylor Jr.	367.93
London, Roanoke Rapids,	
G.A. Gilchrist	125.00
Metropolitan, Rocky Mt., J.E. Arnette	1,775.68
Mt. Olive, Rocky Mt., G.E. Battle	973.56
Mt. Zion, Seaboard,	100.00
New Bethel, Enfield,	
Samuel McClain Jr.	200.00
North Rocky Mt., Elbert Lee Jr.	230.00
Oak Grove, Graysburg, George A. Smith	326.53
Olive Chapel, Sharpsburg,	
Lonnie M. Ellis	50.00
Piney Grove, Littleton, C.E. McCollum	208.41
Quankey, Roanoke Rapids, R.H. Kidd	240.98
Red Hill, Whitakers, Gene Murphy	830.00
Righteous Grove, Enfield, W.M. Greene	221.21
Roanoke Chapel, Jackson,	
C.C. Lawrence	500.00
Roanoke Salem, Seaboard,	
Edward L. Fleming	400.00
St. Peter, Weldon, G.A Gilchrist	500.00
St. Stephens, Tarboro, J.L. Whitehnrst	375.00
Shiloh, Scotland Neck, W. Waldon	600.00
Shiloh, Whitakers, J.W. Ellis	373.57
Simmons Grove, Roanoke Rapids,	
G.E. Battle	411.30
Twilight, Weldon, G.A. Gilchrist	158.79
Walnut Grove, Roanoke Rapids,	
G.E. Battle	125.73
TOTAL	15,462.57
New Bern-Eastern Association — W.L. Griffin, Moderator	
New Bern-Eastern Association	$125.00
Bethel, Merritt, W.L. Griffin	50.00
Clay Bottom, Chocowinity, Leroy Adams	10.00
Maple Grove, Chocowinity, Leroy Adams	46.00
Mt. Shiloh, Aurora, W.L. Griffin	192.92
Mt. Sinai, Stonewall	65.00
Pilgrim, Oriental, Dennis T. Walston	300.00
St. Anna, Blounts Creek, L.R. Brodie	50.00
St. Francis, Blounts Creek, A.J. White	40.00
St. Hooker, Aurora, J.H. Parker	10.00
St. John, Aurora, Willie Lagley	125.55
St. Luke, Edwards, J.H. Parker	35.00
St. Matthew, Grimesland, A.J. White	78.23
St. Peters, Aurora, Joseph Squires	170.50
St. Peters, Vandemere, J.H. Hyman	140.00
St. Stephens, Oriental, David Burley	95.00
TOTAL	$1,443.20
New Covenant Association — M.M. McMillian, Moderator	
New Covenant Association	$300.00
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention	130.00
TOTAL	430.00
New Era Association — Henry D. Jones, Moderator	
New Era Association	$300.00
Cherry Grove, Whiteville, Henry Jones	150.00
St. John, Chadbourn, Raymond Smith	45.00
Sandy Grove, Fair Bluff, J.R. Leach	100.00
TOTAL	$595.00

(More next month)

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Statewide Evangelism Conference Of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Saint Paul Baptist Church — Dr. Paul Drummond, Pastor
Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President, GBSC
Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, GBSC
Dr. A.L. Jinwright, Evangelism Chairman
April 11-14, 1988

Program

Monday, April 11, 1988

12 Noon — Registration ($5.00 per person, $100.00 per church)
3:00 p.m. — Evangelism Committee Meeting

Monday Night, April 11, 1988

6:30 p.m. — Local Welcome Program, Dr. Paul Drummond, Host Pastor
7:00 p.m. — Conference Musical, The Saint Paul Baptist Church Combined Choirs

Tuesday Morning, April 12, 1988

9:00 a.m. — Registration
9:00 a.m. — Devotional and Morning Meditation
9:30 a.m. — Welcome and Directions from Evangelism Committee
9:40 a.m. — Lecture — "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task Through Preaching"
10:15 a.m. — Question & Answer Period
10:30 a.m. — Inspirational Music — Georgia Guest
10:45 a.m. — Offertory Appeal
11:00 a.m. — Morning Message — "Witnessing in a Dessert Place" (Acts 8:26-39)

Announcements/Adjournment
Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon, April 12, 1988

2:00 p.m. — Registration
2:00 p.m. — Devotional and Afternoon Meditation
2:15 p.m. — Lecture — "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task Through Teaching the Holy Bible"
3:00 p.m. — Question & Answer Period
3:15 p.m. — Inspirational Music — Georgia Guest
3:20 p.m. — Afternoon Message "Going Out Into The World With Word Power" (Acts 1:8)

Announcements/Adjournment

Tuesday Night, April 12, 1988

6:30 p.m. — Missionary Lecture — "Evangelism and the Missionary"
7:15 p.m. — Devotional Period
7:45 p.m. — Greetings: Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President, GBSC
Dr. Luella Edwards, President, WHB&FMC
Mr. Cleveland Griffin, President, Ushers
Dr. Charles Austin, President, Laymen
Dr. Cedrick Jones, President, Congress
8:00 p.m. — Offertory Appeal

Worship — Dr. E.V. Hill, Evangelist

Wednesday Morning, April 13, 1988

9:00 a.m. — Devotional and Morning Meditation
9:20 a.m. — Lecture — "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task Through Stewardship"
10:00 a.m. — Question & Answer Period
10:15 a.m. — Inspirational Music — Georgia Guest
10:30 a.m. — Offertory Appeal
10:45 a.m. — Morning Message — "Giving That Counts" (Acts 5:1-11)

Announcements/Adjournment
Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon, April 13, 1988

2:00 p.m. — Devotional and Afternoon Meditation
2:15 p.m. — Lecture — "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task Through Media Ministry"
3:00 p.m. — Question & Answer Period
3:15 p.m. — Inspirational Music — Georgia Guest
3:20 p.m. — Afternoon Message "Spreading the Word of God" (Acts 2:6)

Announcements/Adjournment

Wednesday Night, April 13, 1988

6:30 p.m. — Missionary Lecture — "Evangelism and Young Adults
7:15 p.m. — Devotional Period
7:45 p.m. — Greetings: Dr. T.O. Shaw, President, Shaw University
Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President, Shaw Divinity School
Rev. Theodore Breeden, J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
8:00 p.m. — Offertory Appeal

Worship — Dr. E.V. Hill, Evangelist

Thursday Morning, April 14, 1988

9:00 a.m. — Devotional and Morning Meditation
9:20 a.m. — Lecture — "The Dangers Of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Ministry"
10:00 a.m. — Question & Answer Period
10:15 a.m. — Inspirational Music — Georgia Guest
10:30 a.m. — Offertory Appeal
10:45 a.m. — Morning Message — "The Unfinished Task of Preaching" Dr. J.Z. Alexander

Announcements/Adjournment
Lunch

Thursday Afternoon, April 14, 1988

2:00 p.m. — Devotional and Afternoon Meditation
2:15 p.m. — Lecture — "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task Through Church Administration" — Tax Seminar
3:15 p.m. — Question & Answer Period

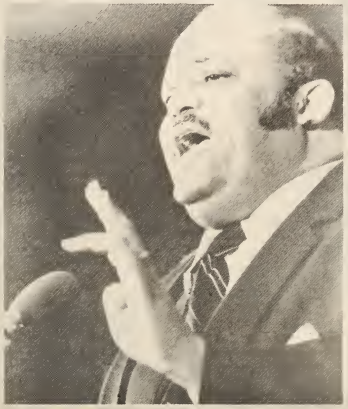
Announcements/Adjournment

Thursday Night, April 14, 1988

6:30 p.m. — Missionary Lecture — "Evangelism and Teens"
7:15 p.m. — Devotional Period
7:45 p.m. — Greetings: Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary, GBSC
Dr. P.A. Brodie, Executive Secretary, WBH&FMC
Mr. George Frazier, Director, Baptist Foundation
8:00 p.m. — Offertory Appeal

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND THANKS — Dr. A.L. Jinwright
WORSHIP — Dr. E.V. Hill, Evangelist

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Dr. E.V. Hill

Dr. Anthony Jinwright Announces Plans For The 1988 GBSC Evangelism Conference

By Informer Staff Writer
Dr. E.V. Hill, Los Angeles, CA Preacher

Charlotte, NC — The Rev. Dr. Anthony Jinwright, Co-Chairman of the General Baptist State Convention Evangelism Committee, announced preliminary plans for the upcoming STATEWIDE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE. The Conference willl be held Arpil 11-14, 1988 at the Saint Paul Baptist Church, 1401 North Allen Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Paul Drummond, Pastor.

Dr. Jinwright indicated that the Rev. Dr. Edward V. Hill, Pastor of the historic Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, will be the guest evangelist. Dr. Hill is known around the world for his powerful and spirit-filled preaching. He serves on numerous boards and committees. He is a Vice President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.

The Conference theme is: **The Challenge of the Unfinished Task Through Evangelism.** Conference registration will begin at twelve noon, Monday, April 11, 1988, at Saint Paul, followed by an Evangelism Committee meeting at 3 o'clock P.M. The Conference Musical and Welcome Program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday the Conference will follow the following schedule:

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Evening Session: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Dr. Jinwright stated that Dr. Hill's Messages will be broadcast live each night. Many local ministers, churches and choirs will also participate in the Evangelism Conference. Jinwright said, "Our 1988 Conference will feature sermons and lectures on Preaching, Witnessing, Teaching, Stewardship, Media, the Aids Crisis, the New Tax Changes that affect churches and pastors, and a nightly Missionary Seminar from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. We want to share as much information as possible on Evangelism during the Conference . . . I have been very pleased at our progress and participation by the Evangelism Committee and area pastors."

Dr. Jinwright is asking each General Baptist State Convention church to send messengers to the Conference and represent with $100.00. Personal registration will be $5.00. The headquarters hotel will be the Radisson Plaza Hotel, downtown Charlotte, North Carolina for reservations call 1-800-228-9822. For Evangelism Conference information call Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1-704-399-5448.

The General Baptist State Convention's

In Memory Of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Annual Banquet



Deacons T.R. and Effie Lucas lead the line

(On January 22, 1988, The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. celebrated a historic Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet. There were over 1,500 persons in attendance. The theme was "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Social Order Leadership." The guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. President J.B. Humphrey stated, ". . . this experience tonight made me feel as if I brushed up against the soul and spirit of Dr. King.")



Banquet Prayer



Evangelism Chairman Dr. A.L. Jinwright and Dr. A.B. Sutton enjoy food



Greeting by WBH&FMC President Dr. Luella Edwards



GBSC staff members Phyllis Holloway and Mary Farrar



Guests



Guests



Left to right: Lieutenant Governor candidate Tony Rand; Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice President-At-large; Dr. C.R. Edwards, Past President GBSC.



Guests



Bruce E. Lightner, member of the N.C. M.L. King, Jr. Holiday Commission



Drs. Craig, Humphrey, and Windley present Martin L. King, Jr. awards to: Representative Dan Blue; the honorable Judge Bullock and N.C. Department of Correction Secretary Dr. Aaron Johnson.



Guests



Dr. William J. Shaw, Guest Speaker



Tupper Memorial Baptist Church Choir, Raleigh, N.C.



Guests



Convention Musician Mrs. Gwendolyn Steward

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June 1988

4 Young Adults' Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

6-10 Leadership Training Conf. Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

6-10 Hampton Ministers' Conf. Hampton, Va.

11 Laymen's League Study Com. & Mini Skills Conf. Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

12 Baptist Youth World Day of Prayer

12-17 First Week of Youth Bible Camp Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

13-17 Shaw Divinity School Annual Church Leaders Conf.

17-18 Shaw Divinity School Christian Leadership Workshops

19-24 Second Week of Youth Bible Camp Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

19 FATHER'S DAY

20-23 National Baptist Conv. Cong.

24-25 Shaw Divinity School Women in Ministry Retreat (place to be announced)

25 Missions Prayer Day (County-wide)

27-7/1 Third Week of Youth Bible Camp Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

July 1988

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

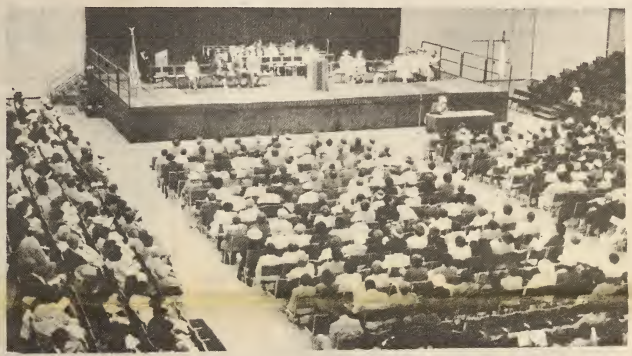
15 All-Baptist Picnic Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

25 Woman's Convention Exec. Board Mtg. (during conv.)

25-28 All-Baptist Assembly
GBSC
WBH & FMC
SS & BTU Congress
Ushers
Laymen's League
Winston-Salem, NC

WBH and FMC 35th Annual Mid-Year Session And 18th Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop

By Augusta White



The 1988 State-wide Leaders' Workshop at the Raleigh Civic Center. Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary of North Carolina.

A record crowd from across North Carolina crowded into the Civic Center in Raleigh Saturday, April 9, for the sounding of the gavel by Dr. Edwards for the 35th Annual Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention. Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President of the Convention, stated in her opening remarks, "We have met today to do business for the Woman's Convention. In the words of baseball we are going to do a 'double header.' We were unable to meet in our One-Day Session because of snow. 'He sends the sun-shine and the rain, he sends the har-vests' gold-en grain; sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my friend.' We have come to hear from two of our objectives and to welcome our new heads. I have come to open this session in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

Mrs. Nancy Young and the Convention choir led the group in singing "All Hail The Power." The Devotion was led by the Johnston County District Association Women's Missionary Union. Scripture, the second chapter of Hebrew, was read by Mrs. Salome McClam and prayer by Mrs. Lenora Jeffries. The meditational thoughts were given by Mrs. Clara Ballentine. She centered her thoughts around the theme "A Challenge of the Unfinished Task," using the 23rd Psalm. "All things spring from God. God is our shepherd and our source of supply. He provides all of our supplies." **Presidential Moments** 'I am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me.' I want you to join me in singing those words because He woke up this morning and brought you safely here.

"I am so happy to greet you and see you so early this morning. One of the duties of the president is to represent you at different conventions. I represented you at the North American Baptist in Niagara Falls. The theme was 'The Earth Is The Lord's, Enter.' This week Dr. Brodie and I attended the Executive Board meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Convention. I serve as second vice president, Dr. Horne is Chairman of the Board; Dr. McLester is in charge of the Christian Education workshop and Dr. Brodie is on the Board and serves as one of the workshop instructors. Our own Mrs. Georgia Thompson was recommended to be honored as the 'Woman of the Year' at Lott Carey.

"The All Baptist Assembly will be held in Winston-Salem, July 24-28. The Convention will open at 10 o'clock on Monday by President Humphrey. Our Executive Board will meet Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the Banquet will be held Monday night at 6:00. Dr. Frederick Boddie from Newport News, Virginia, will be the guest speaker. The Woman's Convention will be called to order on Tuesday afternoon. I will speak on Wednesday afternoon. Do not plan to leave before **5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.** President Humphrey will speak on Wednesday morning.

"The All Baptist Picnic will be held at the J.J. Johnson Assembly in Laurel Hill the third Saturday in July. The Minister's Wives Retreat will be May 14th instead of May 7th. The date was changed to keep from conflicting with Shaw's Commencement. The Young Adult Retreat is still scheduled for the first Saturday in June. Youth Bible Camp will be held in June.

"Today we have come for training. When we stop training we are dead. I want to thank you for what you do in your community. It is people like you who keep up going." President Edwards presented Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, representing one of our objectives to bring greetings.

"I bring you greetings from two types of Shaws. First from Talbert O. Shaw. Though I have the same name as Shaw University, I do not own Shaw. Second I bring you greetings from the Shaw Family. We are delighted that you have been such a wonderful support of Shaw during the years. With continued support Shaw University is taking a new stance. We are also grateful for the help you are giving in the Divinity School. They have been turning out for years ministers and leaders. These institutions are here to help you. This is the only state who seems to have one Convention with everyone working together as as un-

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of Conventions and District Unions:

Many thanks to you again and again for the dedicated support and cooperation you have given your State Convention.

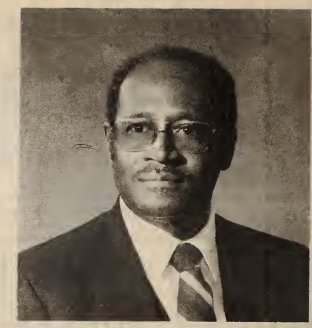
As we continue to move in a progressive way in an effort to promote the plans and programs of the Convention, we need your prayers and your financial support which will enable us to meet our monthly financial obligation.

We are prayerfully asking that each pastor put forth every effort to meet your suggested quota, according to the following time table:

1. One-fourth (1/4) of your suggested quota within the next two weeks,

2. one-fourth (1/4) of your suggested quota at the Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention on May 4-5, 1988 and

3. the balance of your suggested quota on or before August 31, 1988.



Dr. C.C. Craig

Mid-Year Session of the Convention May 4-5, 1988 — A Success

On May 4-5, all roads from the mountains to the sea in the state of NC led to Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina for the Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention, Reverend F.O. Bass Jr., was the pastor.

The highlights of the Mid-Year Session were the Moderators Workshop, which was centered around stewardship. The Pastor's Workshop, which was conducted by Dr. Cameron M. Alexander from Atlanta, Ga., president of the State Convention of Georgia and pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church. The Pastor's Workshop was centered around the theme: "M.L.K. Jr. Leadership Style." Dr. Alexander preached on the evening of May 4. On May 5, the highlights were reports given: General Board and the Executive Secretary Treasurer. The president gave an overview of the Convention, which followed by a sermon. We strongly urged pastors to put forth a special effort to attend with their church members. Many moderators were present with their vice moderators.

Many thanks to you for your support and cooperation in making the Mid-year a success.

(See page 15 & 16 for contributions received through the Executive Office of The GBSC September 1, 1987-December 31, 1987).

The General Baptist State Convention Is Now Accepting Applications For A Resident Superintendent

Job Description For The Resident Superintendent

(Location — J.J. Johnson Assembly, Laurel Hill, N.C.)

Job Title: Resident Superintendent

The Resident Superintendent shall reside on the site of the J.J. Johnson Assembly.

The Resident Superintendent shall:

1. Work under the supervision of the Executive Secretary or his Appointee.
2. Assist in conducting workshops and other conventional programs.
3. Maintain the property (grounds, buildings) at the Baptist Assembly in satisfactory condition.
4. Direct and promote all activities at the Baptist Assembly not under the supervision of other leaders.
5. Clear through the State Office all activities to be held at the Baptist Assembly.
6. Serve as host for all groups, making all necessary arrangements for the meetings.
7. Inform the State Office of all intended gifts by potential donors for the Baptist Assembly.
8. Make monthly reports of his work to the State Office.
9. Purchase materials for maintenance in consultation with the State Office.
10. Keep receipts and bills for expenditures and submit them to the State Office.
11. Do other duties as assigned by Supervisor(s).

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The General Baptist State Convention is now accepting applications for the position of a Business Coordinator.

Business Coordinator Job Discription/Duties:

The Business Coordinator reports and is accountable to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention.

The duties performed by the Business Coordinator are:

1. Prepare monthly bank reconciliations on all bank accounts and record any adjustments resulting from it.

2. Prepare monthly financial statements on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

3. Prepare financial statements on the full acrrual basis method of accounting for presentation at Executive/Board Meetings.

4. Coordinate and supervise field receipts collections during conventions, meetings, etc.

5. Supervise all accounting personnel (direct and indirect)

6. Coordinate all accounting personnel duties so as to provide a means for timely preparation of accurate financial date.

7. Coordinate other internal administrative duties (i.e. time sheets, payroll, general office operations) as directed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

8. Prepare all quarterly and yearly payroll tax returns.

9. Any other administrative duties as directed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

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The President Speaks

By President Luella D. Edwards

President WBH & FWC



A Time For Remembering Mother

"Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world." (K.D. Wiggins)

These famous words bring to mind the sacredness of motherhood. Mother will be mother whether she is considered a good one or a bad one. Mother's Day brings to mind profound gratefulness for being created female with the privilege of motherhood, pride in the little child or children now grown up and accomplishing, in spite of the many times she fell short of being the mother she should have been, the special joys of being a grandmother, the particular privilege of having a good mother who is still living, and being able to share the love of a husband's wonderful mother.

Mother's Day is a time for gratefulness and for rejoicing — for things present and things past. It is a time for remembering the only mother you may ever have. She is the one who loves or loved you in spite of, the one who looks with pride upon you, the one who prays for you that you might grow up to become a productive citizen in this world, to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and take it upon yourself to lead someone else to Him.

It is a time for remembering surrogate mothers who took upon themselves the task of sharing their love for a child or children even though they did not share in the privilege of birth pains, but nonetheless are or have been excellent mothers and many call them blessed.

Mother's Day is a time for remembering with sympathy those female parents who were given the privilege to bear children but found not the love strong enough to rear them without physical and mental abuse. It is a time to pray for them and to help where there is a way. It is a time for serious prayer.

Mother's Day is a time for remembering the motto of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, "Christ in Every Home." Mothers can share a big part in establishing or re-establishing the family altar, to turn off the television, the radio and the big boxes and "be still and know." It is time for remembering those mothers who have gone on to be with the Lord and to remember the contribution they have made to our society.

It is time for mothers to stop wondering what will become of our children and to begin at home. Mothers must teach their young to respect themselves, their parents and those in authority. If there is no respect at home, there will be very little elsewhere. Flowers and candy cannot substitute for genuine love which comes with respect.

Even though the family is facing some rough days ahead, there is hope. It is nostalgic to even think with all the many Christian members in this country that all of our homes will fail. We must introduce and teach the Motherhood of God who is able to do all things good for those who love the Lord. Mother's Day is a time to be remembered. The love generated through the years will cause someone to "rise up and call you blessed" if you have done your job well.

Blessings on Mother's Day, 1988.

Class Schedule For The Shaw Divinity School

Raleigh, North Carolina
SUMMER SEMESTER 1988
Master of Divinity Program

Class Periods
(Saturdays)
FIRST: 7:30-11:30 A.M.
SECOND: 12:30-4:30 P.M.

SESSION: May 21-July 30
except July 2

Course Area	Course Number	Description	Time	Room	Cr. Hrs.	Instructor
T	748	Christian Ethics	7:30 a.m.	34	3	Rossitter
B	607	Theology of Paul	7:30 a.m.	30	3	Alexander
PP	503	Pastoral Counseling	12:30 p.m.	34	3	Davis
PX	505	Christian Education for Adults	12:30 p.m.	33	3	Henderson

Independent Study Courses may be available, please consult with Acting Dean Rossitter
Field Education Options may be available, please consult with Director of Supervised Ministry Headen

Diploma in Theology Program (Summer 1988)

PM	381	Church Administration	7:30 a.m.	33	3	Bullock
PM	385	Evangelism	12:30 p.m.	30	3	Logan

Independent study courses may be available, please consult with Continuing Ed. Dean Alexander
Field Education Options may be available, please consult with Director of Supervised Ministry Headen

Registration: May 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Social Hall at the New Site — 509 Hill Top Drive (one block off Old Garner Road at Rush Street)
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WOMEN'S PAGE

Woman's Convention Special Edition

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

WBSC Reminders

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

Thanks to God and to many of you, we had a beautiful experience during our combined 35th Mid-Year/18th State-Wide Leaders' Workshop Session. We ask that you continue to pray for and support the missions experience God has given us.

Please be reminded that this is the ninth month of our 1987-88 fiscal year. We are grateful for all you have done and will do to help us realize the financial goal of **$487,401.00.** Approximately, **$319,100.00** do we need to receive before the ending of this 1987-88 fiscal year: Foreign Missions **$3500.00;** Shaw **$31,100.00;** Shaw Divinity School **$21,400.00;** Central Orphanage **$19,800.00;** State Missions **$238,000.00;** Baptist Assembly **$5,300.00.**

Please recall the following events:

1. **The Leadership Training Conference** will convene June 6-10, 1988, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. A banquet will be on Thursday evening. Secure form and return to the Woman's Convention an application now. The application should be returned by May 20, 1988. The Regular Attendant's fee for room and board is $60.00 and $36.00 for the Day Attendant.

2. **The Youth Bible Camp.** The camp begins June 12, 1988, and ends July 3, 1988. Please begin securing and returning applications, etc., now.

3. **The WBH&FMC Convention Banquet.** The banquet will be held at the Benton Convention Center July 25, 1988, at 6:00 p.m. Banquet tickets are available at the cost of $17 each. Please begin sending the money now for tickets.

4. **The Conventional Reservations.** Our 104th Annual Convention in conjunction with the All-Baptist Assembly will convene at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, July 25-28. However, you may desire to make your reservations July 24-28, in order to attend on Sunday evening the Pre-Convention Musical. The All-Baptist Assembly will open on Monday morning and the WBH&FMC session will open officially on Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m. On Wednesday during the morning session Dr. J.B. Humphrey will speak and Dr. Luella D. Edwards will speak during the afternoon session. The Hyatt Hotel is the only headquarters for both. We are requesting seniors and/or supervisors who accompany the youth to reside in the same hotel as your youth. The Housing Bureau of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce will handle all reservations and confirmations; therefore, all housing reservation forms should be mailed directly to them. Usually no reservations are accepted by telephone.

We, the Woman's Convention's staff, pray all mothers had a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

Appreciatory Moments For Mrs. Gladys Watlington

By Ms. Augusta White

During our Mid-Year/Ladies' Workshop Session, were these moments for our retiring bookkeeper of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. Recognition is so beautiful. When we fail to praise, we deprive ourselves of rewards. President Edwards presided over these moments of recognition.

"Because of her commitment she has come to a good part of her life, that of retirement. Gladys Watlington has reached the point of walking out with dignity. We have come this morning to say thank you." At this point Mrs. Eva Johnson, first vice president, pinned a beautiful white orchid on Mrs. Watlington.

There are three words that can be used to describe some people: **And, then, some.** For people did what was expected of them **And then some.** They could be counted on in an emergency **And then some.**

Gladys Watlington served as bookkeeper and gave meaningful and constructive service **And then some.** Gladys worked for the Convention with dedication and commitment **And then some.** A job well done.

A plaque was presented to Mrs. Watlington by President Edwards which read:

PRESENTED TO
Mrs. Gladys S. Watlington
Retiring Bookkeeper

In Recognition and Appreciation of Your Untiring Efforts and Sacrificial Service for Thirty-four Years of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention in the Missionary Cause of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

by the
Woman's Baptist Home
& Foreign Missionary
Convention of North Carolina
April 9, 1988
Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President
Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Brodie stated, "I haven't known Mrs. Watlington as long as many of you, but she was one of our staff persons that was committed."

Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, past Executive Secretary and a past President, presented the Convention's token of love to Mrs. Watlington. Dr. Brodie presented a box decorated in gold, containing a love offering contributed by persons in attendance at the Leadership Workshop.

Mrs. Watlington in her response stated that she prayed and asked God to lead her and he led her right back to this Convention. "I went to business school and I went to the Convention and that was thirty-eight years ago. I thank the Lord and I thank you people. You have been very good to me. I will always bear in mind how beautiful you are out there today. You couldn't have a better person for Executive Secretary than Dr. Brodie. You will never find a more dedicated and sincere person to replace me than Gail Anderson. When I retire to the otherside, I expect to see all of you there, and don't you think that I won't know you because I will. May God bless each of you. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. I love all of you."

Mrs. Watlington's daughter, Ms. Celestine Williams, and her pastor, Dr. W.B. Lewis, accompanied her on her Day of Joy.



Left to right: Dr. P.A. Brodie, Dr. Luella Edwards, Dr. W.B. Lewis, Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Dr. Berthenia Horne, former President and Executive Secretary-Treasurer (WBH & FMC); Ms. Celestine Williams (Mrs. Waltington's daughter), Rev. Charles Tyner, Dr. J.Z. Windley, 2nd Vice-President.



Left to right: DR. W.B. Lewis, Mrs. Watlington, Dr. Luella Edwards. Dr. P.A. Brodie. Mrs. Watlington is receiving the Conventional Plaque.

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1988 State-wide Leaders' Workshop — Left to right: Dr. Gregory Headen, President Shaw Divinity School; Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President WBH & FMC; Dr. W.B. Lewis, GBSC Vice President-at-Large; Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, WBH & FMC; Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President, Shaw University; Mrs. Shirley Bullock, WBH & FMC 2nd Vice-President, at the podium.

ified body. We must work together. Together we can conquer. Let me invite all of you to Commencement May 7th. We have a large graduating class. Dr. Cheek, a former president of Shaw, will be the commencement speaker. . ."

Dr. Gregory Headen, President of Shaw Divinity School, was presented for greetings. Dr. Headen expressed appreciation to the Convention for the support given the Divinity School. He stated that we have had two schools since 1969 due to accreditation, two schools but one president. "The trustees decided a few months ago that it was time to have a president for the Divinity School to get the recognition it deserved. I am pleased that I was chosen as the first president. I have been doing a lot of praying lately because I want God to use me and direct me. Shaw Divinity School is training leaders who will go into the communities to teach people how to live. (Certificate of Appreciation were given to President Edwards and Dr. Brodie). As I close my remarks I want you to pray for us. . ."

In the absence of President Humphrey, Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice President-At-Large of the General Baptist Convention brought greetings. "We have one convention but many ministries. The Woman's Convention is a good Convention. We can't do without you and we are not going to try to do without you. You have our moral support and prayers."

Dr. Brodie expressed thanks to all of the pastors and members of the Woman's Convention for all the prayers, interest and support. "We are here this morning to continue in our workshop setting. We did not make but so many kits because we didn't think we would have so many here, but you are here. Sometimes we should be careful for what we pray. We prayed for you to get here and you are here. You can see from the Financial Report for six months we have received $141,510.16 and expended $157,452.40. We need $345,890.84 to reach our budget of $487,401.00. We are counting on you to help us to reach our goal. God has anointed each of these men to serve, Dr. Shaw and Dr. Headen. With God's touching all of us we can get something done. Thank you for what you have done and what you will do. We didn't get a chance in January to sing a tune, so we will do it today. "There's not a Friend." 'There's not a friend like the low-ly Jesus, No not one! No not one! Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done; There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no, not one! No, not one!' "

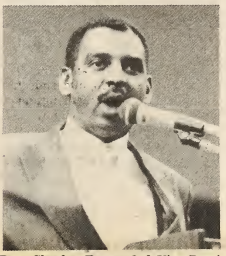
The One-Day Session was adjourned and Dr. Edwards presented Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Second Vice President, to preside for the Leadership Workshop. The general theme was "The Challenge for Christian Leadership." "It is our hope that you have come to be revitalized, to do a better work for Christ. We realize as leaders that we don't know at all. You can't teach what you don't know and we can't lead when we don't know where to go. These are serious times, times when we don't need to be playing church and not knowing how to lead."

Mrs. Novella Whitted, Fourth Vice President, presented Dr. Aggie Simpson to discuss "The Ideal Circle." Dr. Simpson stated that the circle was the most important organization in the church. There is only one circle in the church and one circle president who cooperates with the pastor and officers. A well organized circle includes a president, four vice presidents, Young Adult Director, Supervisor and an Associate Supervisor of the Youth Department. The circle is divided into groups either by numbers or names of the Bible. All groups together make the circle. All groups report to the circle at monthly meetings. The president is not a member of either group but relates among the groups. All finances are reported to the circle at monthly meetings. The president attends state conventions and encourages members to attend. Have quarterly reports sent to the office of the Woman's Baptist State Convention."

Mrs. Eva Johnson, First Vice President, presented Mrs. Roxanne Pitts to discuss "The Ideal County/City Union." She discussed the County/City Union as what to do, How to do it, and What to do. "The Challenge for the Christian Leader is to believe in his word. We must put God first in our lives. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he will direct our paths. The purpose of the union is to bring together all the missionary women and youth regardless of the association they represent. There should be a union in every county consisting of a Senior Department, a Young Adult Department and a Youth Department. The union should support the objectives of the Convention. Money should be sent directly to the office of the Woman's Convention."

Mrs. Shirley Bullock presented Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Secretary of the Convention and a District Group Chairperson, to discuss "The Ideal Distriet Conference." "There are ten districts in the Woman's Convention and they are divided into groups made up of several counties. The District Conference brings together missionary workers over a large area to work and study the Convention's program. All individuals cannot attend the State Convention and other sessions sponsored by the Convention, but the District Conference will give individuals an opportunity to review the progress of circle programs and learn about the objectives and workings of the Woman's Convention."

Mrs. Marion Bass, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Rowan Baptist Association, spoke. "The Auxiliary is a fine partner of the association. It is an arm of the Association. The strength of this arm can carry out the objectives of the ideal auxiliary. Consider yourself fortunate when all trials face you and you have the faith to overcome trials. If you



Rev. Charles Tyner, 3rd Vice-President (GBSC) and pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Apex, preaching at the State-wide Leaders' Workshop.

lack faith you should pray to God for it. We must be productive in our auxiliaries. You must be alert and have great concern for your mission work."

Dr. Edwards discussed the support groups. She stated that the support groups are the undergirding force for every organization. The word treasurer is used wherever your church allows it. The financial secretary receives all money and reports to one treasurer. In making your report remember to always report what was brought forward. Secretaries should keep good minutes. You are the memory of the organization. The assistant secretary should be able to substitute in the absence of the secretary. She should be able to record what was said."

The Departmental Highlights were shared with us.

Mrs. Julias McDonald, Young Adult Director, was quite enthusiastic over the large number of Young Adults in attendance. A plaque was given to Mrs. Phylisa Kelly, outgoing president. Following the workshop discussion, Miss Linda Inman conducted a hymn singspiration which was very impressive. We must pray and make God first in our lives."

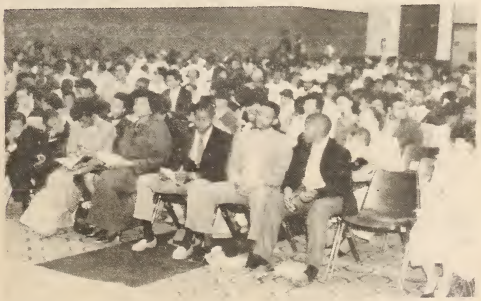
Mrs. Elfreida Brooks, Youth Supervisor, stated that more than six hundred (600) youth were in attendance. Music was furnished by the Mecklenburg General Baptist Youth Choir. A special skit was presented by Edgecombe County. A plaque was presented in absence to Rev. Lacy Simpson, outgoing president of the Youth Department.

Dr. W.B. Lewis presented Reverend Charles Tyner, Pastor of White Oak and third vice president of the GBSC for the message. "From Sunset to Sunrise" Genesis 28:10-11, "And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set: And he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep."

"The time span from sunset to sunrise varies according to the season. Jacob robbed his brother of his birthright and he fled from home, going farther and farther away from his father. In a short time Jacob was sleep. God introduced himself to Jacob in a dream while he slept on the outside. God spoke to him. He might not come when you want Him to, but He is always on time. Jacob and his seeds were to be blessed if he would do what God wanted him to do. God's presence is with you all the time. Friends will put you down when things get tough, but God is always near. Jacob woke up and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place.' Jacob recognized God's presence, but he refused him in his life. When we go to church and we feel something, we are in God's place. Jacob said, 'If God will be with me and keep me in this journey, and I return home safely, I will name this place after him.'

"There are leaders in our churches who are at sunset. We have a lot of missionaries in our churches that are at sunset. They leave church on Sunday and don't do anything during the week. Jacob is getting close now; he is naming the place God's place and he promised a tenth of what he made. Now he is ready to go home. The sun rose in him and gave him life and showed him the way and he decided to renew himself with his family and to renew his life with God. You ought to let the sun rise in your life. Let Jesus come into your life."

Music was furnished by the White Oak Choir, Apex.



1988 State-wide Leaders' Workshop — Youth Department.

WOMAN'S SPECIAL EDITION

All Baptist Assembly, July 25-28, 1988 Winston-Salem, N.C. For your WBH&FMC registration forms and housing, write WBH&FMC, P.O. Box 1818 Raleigh, N.C. 27602, 919/833-4823.

Reflections Of A Mother

MOTHER — Most important job in the world

I have often thought about and reflected on things that I learned from my mother although she passed away ten years ago. I promised her that I would do my best to raise our two daughters to the best of my ability with God's guidance.

Before I became a mother, there was great anticipation of the new role I was to play. Someone passed a prayer to me and from time to time, I reflect on the meaning. I will share some of the sentences especially to young mothers.

"Oh God, make me a better parent. Help me to understand and listen patiently to what my children have to say and to respond to them kindly. Forbid that I should ever punish them as a means of ridding myself of anger and frustration. Help me to exercise reason and control. May I grant them all the wishes that are sensible and give me the courage to withhold a privilege when I know it might do them harm. Make me fair and just, considerate and companionable, so they will have genuine esteem, respect and affection for me. Make me fit to be loved and imitated by my children, for this is the greatest compliment of all."

Prayers will be answered if they are prayed. I feel that God is answering my prayers especially when I received a card from my 19-year-old. She has almost completed two years of college. She added that she selected this card because it said just what she wanted to say.

You have shown me how to give of myself
You have shown me leadership
You have taught me to be strong
You have taught me the importance of the family
You have demonstrated unconditional love
You have demonstrated a sensitivity to people's needs
You have handed down to me the important values in life
You have handed down to me the idea of achieving one's goals
You have set an example, throughout your life
of what a mother and woman should be like
I am so proud of you
and I love you
forever

— Susan Polis Schutz

I am making every attempt to pass to my daughters what my mother gave me. Young mothers, will we set examples for our children throughout our lives of what a mother should be?

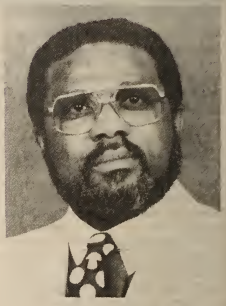
Dr. F.J. Boddie: WBSC Banquet Speaker

On Monday, July 25, 1988, at 6:00 p.m., the Woman's Convention will host its 15th Annual Pre-Convention Banquet in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center.

Dr. Fred J. Boddie, a native of Petersburg, Virginia, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Boddie is a recipient of the B.A. degree from Shaw University, Raleigh; the M. Div. degree from the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh; the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, from Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Virginia; and the Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Among the many organizations in which he holds memberships are Hampton Roads Ministerial Alliance; American Baptist Convention; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; Phi Beta Sigma, and the General Board of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia.

At the present, Dr. Boddie is the pastor of First Church of Newport News, Newport News, Virginia, where he has been for twenty-six years. Under his leadership the church has constructed a new edifice and educational facilities, developed a food pantry and clothing distribution service and an outreach program to aid the distressed and the poor.



Dr. Fred J. Boddie Jr.

He is married to the former Patricia Hall of Fayetteville, North Carolina, a graduate of Shaw University and a faculty member of the Newport News School System. They are the parents of three children: Fred J. III; Timothy Tee, and Patricia Theodora.

Former WBSC President Installed

By Augusta White

November 1987, Dr. Johnnie B. McLester was installed as the first Black President of Church Women United of the State of North Carolina. This office carries with it a constitutional position of the fourth vice-presidency of the North Carolina Council of Churches, and a seat on the Administrative Committee. For several years she has represented General Baptist on the Board of Directors and on several active committees and to the annual House of Delegates. These appointments are made by the President of General Baptist. Since January she has been invited to serve for a three year term on the Board of Directors of the **State Council for Social Legislation**, which classifies social issues. She also represents CWU on the Board of Directors of the **North Carolina Council of Women's Organization**. (NCCWO).

Dr. McLester is not new in this organization; since 1974, she has served as local Unit President and Chairman of Area five before it was divided to create area six. In 1979 and 1980, she assisted in forming the "Urban Causeway" with National CWU. She joined the Northern Team of 20 people who studied all of the human relations Issues and Problems and causes in six metropolitan cities. After three weeks, the 20 from the east, 20 from the south, and 20 from the west met at the school of Continuing Education of Chicago to debrief, on May Fellowship day and 2 days before. As a result of that METROPOLITAN URBAN CAUSEWAY EXPERIENCE, which grew out of the mandate to do something about Global Concerns causing POVERTY, we are now committed to a five year commitment to eliminate POVERTY and ITS CAUSES. Poverty is fast taking on the face of women and children. We are united to do something about it. The Woman's Convention of North Carolina has been a part of this Christian Movement for a long time.

If you desire further information, please feel free to call or write Dr. McLester: (489-2593) or 907 Morehead Ave., Durham, N.C. 27707.

Church Pastor Needed

The Pulpit Committee of Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, North Carolina is seeking a pastor for the church. All candidates must meet the following qualifications:

— Ordained minister with at least 5 years pastoral experience
— Must be a Missionary Baptist
— High school graduate with some college level courses
— Must be willing and able to reside in Hickory, N.C.
— Must be married
— Must be between 30 and 48 years of age

In addition, health will be a key consideration for selection.

For further information and application forms, please write to:

Chairman
Friendship Baptist Church Pulpit Committee
P.O. Box 3526
Hickory, N.C. 28603-3526

To be considered, all applications must be received no later than May 30, 1988.

FOR PREACHERS & PASTORS

Pastor's Corner Church Growth & Outreach

Old Church Makes New Commitment

By Dr. Leon C. Riddick, Pastor
Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

In 1977 when we relocated our place of worship from 421 Campus Street to 3201 Tuckaseegee Road in the building that was once occupied by the Enderly Park congregation, there were those among us who said, "We need a new church." Yes, there were those who wanted to move into a "new" house of worship that had never been used by another congregation.

With this in mind, on the day we moved in, Sunday, April 3, 1977, the subject of my sermon was, "Let Us Do It."

In 1964, the total receipts for the year were $18,155.28. Of this amount $2,617.04 was contributed for missions and benevolence. In 1976, the total income of the church was $100,734.90 and of this amount $15,467.06 was given for missions and benevolence.

In 1987, the total income of the church was $491,217.45 and of this amount $115,810.88 was contributed for missions and benevolence. We paid out to mission and benevolent objectives $112,061.21, $2,504.00 more than we paid in all salaries in 1987. It does seem to me that we have put a "new" church in an old church building.

Our program of services to the community has expanded to include a state and city certified Child Development Center; hospital and nursing home ministries; jail ministry; Shelter ministry where we feed and minister in other ways to the homeless people; single ministry for adults who are divorced, widowed or separated from their spouse or who have never been married; and a nurses' guild that sponsors blood pressure screening, classes in first aid, and health fairs and promotes the Red Cross Blood Donor Program.

In addition, we have boy and girl scout troops, financial aid assistance for our college students and a volunteer program which provides volunteers for the Uptown Day Shelter and assistance to the elderly and sick who need a helping hand.

We lead the churches of the State General Baptist Convention in contributions to missions and Christian education. We are one of two co-sponsors of a school and nutrition center in Haiti where about 450 children are enrolled and also contribute to a mission station in Kenya, East Africa.

We have invested more than $375,000 in additional property in the vicinity of our present location, with an income for the church of more than $45,000 per year.

Yes, Mount Carmel — you did it — you put a new congregation in a second hand building and these have gone throughout the community ministering to the needs of people. For this, we give glory and honor to the Lord who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Leon C. Riddick

Shaw University Board Of Trustees Names New Board Leadership

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw,
President Shaw University

Attorney Willie Gary, a 1971 graduate of Shaw University, is the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University. Gary succeeds four-term chairman, Dr. George C. Debnam, alumnus and local physician.

Debnam rendered untiring and relentless service and guided the University during its 1986 financial crisis and the selection of its 12th president. At the end of the current fiscal year, Debnam will relinquish the chairmanship.

Gary brings to the new office expertise in legal counsel, commitment and dedication. Gary, when asked about his success, says, "When you come from where I come from (Indianhead, Florida), it makes you very determined. You're starting out two steps behind so you learn to work twice as hard."

Entrepreneurship was introduced to Gary while he was enrolled at Shaw University in 1967. Likewise, his philanthropy chronicles fourteen years, beginning in 1974 when he contributed $100,000 toward the erection of a health facility in Indiantown, Florida. Other beneficiaries of his financial generosity are the homeless, the less fortunate, and Shaw University.

Even though Gary is nationally known to be "the lawyer who wins $100,000,000 damage suits," his affluence has not affected his humanitarian spirit — remembering and contributing to those in need or those whom he "passed on the way up the ladder to success."

Vice Chairperson Named

Dr. Josephine Dobbs Clement was elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Chairperson of the Executive Board of Trustees. Dr. Clement brings to her leadership position a wealth of experience as an educator, civic worker and business associate. Some of the Boards on which Dr. Clement holds membership are the following: Durham County Board of Commissioners, Mechanics and Farmers Bank and The Durham Chamber of Commerce Human Relations Committee.

FOR GOD



SO LOVED

Concerned Citizens For Earl Whitted Jr., Goldsboro/ Wayne, North Carolina

***(Editor's Note: Please send a letter of concern to Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg, Justice Department, P.O. Box 629, Raleigh, N.C. 27602, 919/733-3377.)**

Fellow Christians and Friends:

THIS IS AN URGENT PLEA FOR HELP! We need $8,000 to help with the defense of our brother in Christ, Earl Whitted, Jr.

Earl has suffered severe adversity in three trials, with the second now pending for re-trial May 16, 1988. In order to hire attorneys to defend Earl, we need money donated by friends and Christians who will share their blessings to fulfill this great need.

As you know, Earl's lead Attorney, Herbert Hulse, died. His lead Attorney now is Attorney Roland Braswell who has asked for an assisting attorney; therefore, we need the retainer fee for this assisting attorney.

Also, funds are needed to pay for transcripts from the last trials. Transcripts are needed to prepare for the trial for May 16.

God has shown His mighty power during the three last trials. We know that God has been with us throughout this ordeal, and we feel that it is up to us to continue to work, pray and give in behalf of our brother.

God will give us the victory! We are looking at this situation as preparing for greater work for Christ.

PLEASE HELP US FINANCIALLY by making a check payable to CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR EARL WHITTED, JR., and mail to Dr. Isaac B. Horton, Chairman, Post Office Box 1456, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

This plea is made in LOVE and THANKSGIVING!

Yours in Christ,
Isaac B. Horton, Chairman
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR
EARL WHITTED, JR.

P.S. Please plan to attend the trial in the Wayne County Court Room and show support for our brother, Earl. Invite your many friends to attend also.

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EDITORIALS

How To "Let Freedom Ring In South Africa"

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A few weeks ago I joined 63 other U.S. citizens of various races and backgrounds to protest racism and apartheid in South Africa. Not to our surprise, we were all arrested while demonstrating in front of the South African embassy. This small gesture was only a minute sacrifice compared to the suffering that blacks have experienced from whites in South Africa.

Our actions were a response to that country's escalating repression of black people. The South African government recently imposed sweeping restrictions upon 17 organizations and 18 individuals forming the core leadership of the freedom movement there. The restrictions prohibit organizations from engaging in any activities whatsoever. In other words, demonstrations are banned, meetings are banned, one cannot even pray or light a candle in the name of freedom. And soon the ax may even come down on churches, whose leaders are being arrested.

Christians Must Act To Bring A New Day

Just as Jews remind their children of the Passover and how God brought them out of Egyptian bondage; just as blacks, 20 years after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (April 1968), must never forget those who bled and died to win our civil rights here in the United States; so too one day would black South Africans like to look back and recall how the nations and peoples of the world worked courageously to end the evil system of apartheid.

In order to bring about this new day, Christians in the United States must let their voices be heard, now! We must support legislation in Congress, The Dellums-Cranston Comprehensive Sanctions Bill (HR 1580 and S 556) which, if passed, would impose a total trade embargo upon South Africa and require complete withdrawal of U.S. corporations from that country and from illegally occupied Namibia. This bill would prohibit U.S. military and intelligence corporation with South Africa; deprive it of the more than $15 billion that U.S. business has invested in apartheid; and make it more difficult and costly for the Pretoria regime to wage war against the black majority in the country and against surrounding black countries in the southern region of Africa.

You and members of your church can help get this bill passed in Congress by urging your U.S. representative and senators to cosponsor this legislation. Write them a letter. It is especially important that Rep. James Clarke (D-11th District) hear from members of his district (Asheville area). He is a member of the Africa Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. His committee will consider this bill in April and a House vote may occur in May.

Your support will help black South Africans get their freedom. Throughout South Africa, black labor unions, churches and political groups have appealed to the U.S. government and other nations to impose stiffer and more comprehensive economic sanctions against the South African government. Blacks in South Africa realize that a total trade ban and disinvestment in South Africa would increase unemployment, but they recognize also that apartheid is the principal cause of the unemployment and misery they suffer daily. The average black person in South Africa earns only 15 percent of what the average white person earns; black infant mortality rates are among the highest in the world; approximately 300 children under 16 are detained in South African prisons and their parents are barred from visiting them.

To help, join Bread for the World by calling 1-800-82BREAD toll free, or write: Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20018.

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

From The "Baptist Informer"

Bookshelf



Reverend Jason Barr,
Book Review Editor

By Rev. Jason A. Barr,
Associate Book Review Editor

On Death and Dying, *by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. New York. N.Y.: Macmillan Publishing, 260 pp.*
Death: The Final Stage of Growth, *by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 175 pp.*
Counseling the Dying, *by Margaretta K. Bowers, Edgar N. Jackson, James A. Knight and Lawerence LeShan. New York, N.Y.: Aronson Press, 183 pp.*

Ministers face the reality of death and dying on a weekly if not daily basis. The limit of our involvement in the life of the dying parishioner is often characterized by perfunctory and obligatory prayers, superficial sensitivity, and agonistic or attenuated involvement. These attitudes and actions are not the result of an unconcerned clergy as much as the characteristics of all professionals who deal with dying people on a regular basis. The care of the dying is not an aberration in the life of the physician, nurse or minister, but another task to be done.

Recent literature on this issue suggests that this is the result of our culture's proclivity to ignore our own sense of mortality, exalt beauty and youth, and benignly castigate and separate the dying like ancient lepers. Among these writings are those like Elisabeth Kübler-Ross's **On Death and Dying** and **Death: The Final Stage of Growth,** as well as Margaretta Bowers's, et. al., **Counseling the Dying.**

Kübler-Ross's works have been the standard texts for understanding the dying for over a decade. Her attempt to probe the world of the dying is not purely clinical or pendantic. Her aim is to let dying people speak to "doctors, nurses, clergy and their own families." When Kübler-Ross speaks of and for the dying, she does so as a compassionate and concerned individual and not so much as the psychiatrist she is.

In **On Death and Dying** Kübler-Ross delineates and then expands upon the five stages of the terminally ill: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. While these stages are not static or always chronological, they do provide a framework for understanding the psychological, social and theological mindset of those who are facing life's common denominator — death. Those who read this book will find themselves identifying with the various case studies to one degree or another. It is difficult to read this work and not see some member, friend, or relative who has struggled with and through each of the five stages.

After each stage is discussed in general terms and the case studies are presented, Kübler-Ross highlights the role that professionals and families should play in facilitating the transition of the terminally ill. One consistent point she makes, almost to the point of redundancy, is that the professional and the family should never force the terminally ill to move from one of the first four stages to the acceptance stage. Instead they should accommodate the person without condescension.

In **Death: The Final Stage of Growth** Kübler-Ross and other contributors portray death as a part of the process of life. In this book death is viewed from many perspectives including the organizational and institutional context of dying, death from the perspective of the Indian, Jew, Hindu and Buddhist, and psychological and practical aspects of death and dying.

Unlike the previous book discussed **Death: The Final Stage of Growth** will not hold the interest of the reader from chapter to chapter. Like all books of this genre the writings by the contributing writers, as well as Kübler-Ross's, are uneven. Some of the chapters are exceptionally good, others are fair, and a few makes one wonder why they were included in the book.

Among the exceptional chapters are those that relate the concept of death from other cultures and religions. When the teachings of other cultures are encountered the depth of one's own western bias is challenged and broadened. The chapters that discuss the practical aspects of death and dying are also superb. In these chapters conventional wisdom about funerals and talking to children about death is handled in creative and provocative ways.

Counseling the Dying by Bowers's, et. al., is by far the most useful book for the clergy. The writers of this volume chastise both clergy and physicians for their inability to effectively encounter the dying on the common ground of mortality. The authors are incisive in their understanding of both religious and medical professionals. Some of the indictments they make that are common to both clergy and physicians are their tendency to hide behind a veneer of dignified insensitivity, the habit of cloaking their language in pious and technical jargon, and a general lack of training that enables them to touch the dying physically, spiritually and intellectually. The dying, they assert, "are still human and deserve to be treated as individuals of dignity and worth."

The preponderance of the author's statements are not negative. They do offer excellent suggestions for inspiring the professional to improve their care of the dying. Their advice

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE



New Hope Youth Missionaries set a record attendance at the Union which met at Hickory Grove Baptist Church on January 30, 1988. They were all determined to win the Youth Participation Trophy. The youths represented the following churches: First Baptist Chapel Hill, Hickory Grove, Ebenezer, Lillington, First Baptist, New Hope, Community Baptist, White Oak. We were blessed with their presence.



The winners the New Hope Youth Participation Trophy youths from Lillington, First Baptist. Again, we congratulate the encouragement and guidance that Rev. Queen Penny, pastored the Senior Missionaries are giving their children.



The following pastors and advisors represent the adults who were very proud of the youth who shared in the January Union meeting: Front row, Rev. Brenda R. Roach, youth advisor; Rev. Queen Penny, 1st Baptist, Lillington. Second row: Dr. J.R. Manley, 1st Baptist, Chapel Hill; Rev. R.D. James, Haw River; Rev. R.L. Joy, Piney Grove. Third row: Rev. H.L. Edmonds, Ebenezer; Deacon L.W. Herndon, president Congress of Christian Education; Rev. David L. Massey, president, New Hope Union.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church — Bahama, N.C.

A Service Of Appreciation And Gratitude

For Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Pastor and Mr. Robert R. Hall, Treasurer

By J. Maynard Jones
Membership Publicity Committee

A service of appreciation and gratitude was given the fourth Sunday in January, 1988 to Dr. O.L. Sherrill, pastor, and Robert Hall, treasurer, who both retired from service in January, 1988.

Dr. Sherrill has served as pastor of our church since 1978, a ten year tenure; and Hall has served as treasurer since 1973, a fifteen year tenure. Immediately after the regular 11:00 a.m. service, the church body and visitors assembled down stairs in the dining area of the fellowship hall where a testimonial dinner was served by the hospitality and appreciation committee.

Bro. J.L. Moffitt presented a gift to Dr. Sherrill which was a financial donation from the church body. Brother Clarence Jones presented a church gift to Brother Hall which was a plaque recognizing his faithful years of service.

There were many visitors from surrounding churches; and as far away as Raleigh and Garner. The group from Garner also brought a gift and presented it to Dr. Sherrill during this program. Members from visiting churches expressed their appreciation to Dr. Sherrill for his guidance and counseling in helping secure pastors for their churches.

Best wishes and God's blessings were expressed to Dr. and Mrs. Sherrill and Hall on their retirement.

Baptist Assembly Superintendent Rev. Breeden Says Farewell

As I look back over the past 8 years of my employment with the General Baptist State Convention, I do so with a great deal of thankfulness and appreciation. My life has changed tremendously. The continuity, respect, friendship, and proximity that existed among Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Dr. Georgia Turner, Dr. Thelma Horton, Dr. J.R. Manley, Dr. E.B. Turner, Dr. Luella Edwards, Dr. J.B. Humphrey of whom all I served under shall always be kept in a special place within my heart.

I shall always be thankful to this warm organization for affording me the privilege to have served as camp supt. of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly for 8 years. It is people such as those in the Woman's Convention namely Dr. Brodie, Betty Chislohm, Dr. Edwards who are more to me than just administrators but friends as well. There are those in the General Baptist State Convention such as Dr. Craig, Dr. A.D. Logan, Dr. Leo Williams, and Dr. J.B. Humphrey who are more than just bosses and co-workers but outstanding religious leaders and strong leaning towers that makes this resignation the most difficult one I've ever had to give. This religious body has provided me an opportunity to travel and proclaim God's word. Being a part of this convention helped me develop a greater sense of dedication and commitment to values, resolution for improvement, reparation for wrongdoing, and bending love for humanity.

I've learned a greater appreciation for the strives toward the advancement of the church and promoting its prosperity and spirituality. I had an opportunity to work with some of the world's greatest people and I shall forever treasure the memories.

The Youth Bible Camp which is sponsored by the Woman's Convention is second to none. Over the last 8 years I've developed a permanent relationship with some of the most outstanding youths this nation has to offer. I'll miss the yells, the screams, the tears of sadness, the tears of joy, but most of all I'll miss seeing the maturity of those youths grow. It is my hope that a strong layman will be placed in this position and given the support to develop what can become the most outstanding Christian and recreational facility in North Carolina. We need to look beyond the cost of building up our assembly and do something constructively for its improvement.

Perhaps one day others will catch hold to the dream as I have and that is of exploring the possibility of building a conventional center and hotel to accommodate the needs of the Baptist family on the Baptist Assembly site. Dr. Charles Austin, Cedric Jones, and Cleveland Griffin who are laymen and head three auxiliaries could help develop a search committee for review and procure names to be presented to the personnel committee along with other applicants who might apply.

To make the transition period easier I have elected to make this resignation effective May 15. God has smiled on me through the faces of this convention and I shall always owe to Him and you an indebtedness of gratitude. It has been some of the most gala years of my life and ministry. I surrender the position of supt. of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly but shall remain supportive of its programs and work.

Looking ahead with a newness of spirit and a refreshing vision of hope that we can move from where we are to where God wants us to be I remorsefully but respectfully submit this letter.

Yours in Christ,
Theodore Breeden,
Supt. of Baptist Assembly

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BOOKSHELF
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is based on years of experience and research and may revolutionize one's thinking about the quality of care we give to those in the last days of their life.

One caveat about this book: the writers assume that their readers are well versed in psychology, theology, sociology and the great literature of western civilization. For those who are not familiar with these disciplines the reading will be slow. Nevertheless, it is well worth the effort. The reader will get an education in more ways than one.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

"Silver Mount Celebrates 20 Years Of Broadcasting"

By William Lee
Charlotte Reporter



Left to right — Elder and Mrs. T.W. Samuels, Dr. and Mrs. William Lee Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Al Campbell, Rev. Ben L. Davis, Rev. and Mrs. L.D. Jefferies, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, and Dr. and Mrs. Paul W. Drummond.

Silver Mount Baptist Church of Charlotte celebrated 20 years of broadcasting with a colorful banquet that was held at the spacious McDonald's Cafeteria — Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, on Saturday, March 12.

Four hundred members and well-wishers filled the banquet hall to hear Rev. Ben Leon Davis, pastor of Interfaith Deliverance Church of Statesville and Religious Director of WGSP Radio Station of Concord.

The pastor, Dr. William Lee Jr., signed the church on 20 years ago — under the title of "The Glimpse Of Hope" heard every Sunday on WGIV-1600 Radio Station from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The prime time broadcast has developed thousands of supporters who find the hour of songs, announcements and the preached word inspiration that start their Sunday morning right for a spirit-filled day of blessings.

The greeting period was led by Dr. J.B. Humphrey — president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, followed by special greetings from Rev. Robert (Bob) Walton, County Commissioner, Mrs. Ella Scarborough, Charlotte City Council, Robert (Bob) Davis, president of the Black Caucus, Mrs. Sarah Stevenson, School Board, Dr. James Palmer, president of Minister's Conference #2 and Dr. L.D. Parker, moderator of the Lane Creek Baptist Association. More than 20 pastors and ministers who host radio broadcasts and another 20 ministers shared in the celebration.

The pastor and church hope to continue their out-reach ministry that has been so well received by thousands of listeners. The church is using the full month of March to celebrate. Hundreds of letters, cards, notes and donations have been received — thus encouraging them to stay on the air until Jesus comes in the air.

Rev. Robert Young — Retires From Church

By Dr. William Lee Jr.
Charlotte, N.C., Reporter

Rev. Robert M. Young, former moderator of the Mount Peace Baptist Association, steps down as pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church of Charlotte recently after serving for more than 38 years and leading the congregation in erecting a beautiful new church at a cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars — 2 years ago.

Rev. Young is 77 years old, still in good health and very active.

He simply wanted to retire from pastoral duties in order to travel and share pulpits with friends across the state and nation.

St. Paul Community Baptist Church gave him a delightful reception on Saturday night, that was known as "This is Your Life" followed by a full Appreciation and Retirement Service on Sunday afternoon.

His first home church — Silver Mount Baptist Church and Dr. William Lee Jr., pastor, led in the Sunday's celebration. Dr. Lee's theme was "Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant." Music was by Silver Mount Usher's Chorus, Radio Choir, Hymn Choirs 1 & 2.

The special greetings period was led by Dr. J.B. Humphrey, president of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. — Rev. Robert L. Walton, County Commissioner and Rev. Don Stegar — Assistant Manager of City — Charlotte.

Rev. and Mrs. Young were showered with many awards, flowers, special honors and fellowship dinner that was served to the hundreds of well-wishers — who turned out to share the special time and events.



Rev. Robert Young

Rev. Young has no regrets about his long tenure of 38 years as pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church and 10 years as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, both of Charlotte.

He leaves a grand opportunity — (a beautiful new church — 2 years old and more than 350 members) for a younger minister to build upon a good well laid foundation in an effort to keep the church moving onward and upward — this is Rev. Young's honest prayer.

Rev. Young has been very active and served well — the Mt. Peace Baptist Association, the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. and the National Baptist Convention, USA.

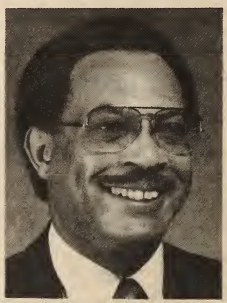
He and his wife will remain members of St. Paul Community Baptist Church.

Union Chapel Baptist Church of Winston-Salem Celebrates Super Sunday Services Shelley School Child

By Glenda E. Gill, Ph.D.

On Sunday, March 27, the Union Chapel Baptist Church of Winston-Salem had a spiritual feast, which blended with one of the most varied and tasty meals I have eaten at a church gathering. We reached a spirit-filled zenith in our Christian development. Under the guidance of Rev. Konnie G. Robinson, our pastor, a special 11:00 worship followed the Sunday School. The Rev. A.D. Logan, a graduate of Wake Forest and Duke, gave a message that was highly relevant to Palm Sunday, "God Has Not Forsaken You." With the Youth Choir and Tots Choir in charge of the music, and youth in charge of other parts of the service, the thirty-nine-year-old Rev. Logan geared his sermon to the young, but the message had very, very strong universal appeal. Ms. Glenda Cheeks and Mrs. Konnie G. Robinson are to be commended for the excellent job they are doing with the respective choirs that rendered music. I especially enjoyed, "He Knows How Much You Can Bear."

Following the 11:00 service, the cooks, including men, served a cornucopia of food: fried chicken, turkey, lavish brown casseroles, an array of desserts, beef, tea, punch,



Rev. Konnie G. Robinson

coffee, deviled eggs and relish plates which enhanced the potato salads, pasta delicacies and other dishes that were not only in great abundance so that the entire church could eat unabashedly their fill, but there was a warm feeling of camaraderie that permeated the atmosphere.

The 4 p.m. service had as its speaker the Rev. E.L. Clark, Senior, Pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. He focused, according to Pastor Robinson, on the black church not praising God enough and admonished them to start doing so. The Bethlehem Baptist Church choirs were very inspirational, causing Pastor Robinson to say he had a great spiritual experience during this hour. This was the 59th Anniversary celebration of the church.

At 7:00 p.m., Ms. Delphine Jones directed and participated in a drama/musical, "The Singing Cross," where the choir, dressed in red and white, formed a cross from the baptism pool to the foot of the altar and rendered exceptionally fervent pieces enhanced by several soloists. The audience was most visibly moved by "You Don't Have Nothing If You Don't Have Jesus" which was a major hit last year. Interspersed with the music were narration and dramatic skits related to the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. The **tour de force** ended in a moving "Praise Him," which the choir sang as it moved through the audience with raised hands and an infectious spirit that captured the audience in participation. At the close, Rev. Robinson, as he did in the morning with Junior Deacon Ernest Tyndal at the pulpit, called for altar prayer a second time which Rev. Robinson, him-

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New Home and Durham Association — T.E. Taylor, Moderator

New Home and Durham Association	$270.93
Ministers and Deacons	95.70
Glen Grove, Rougemont, T.C. Nicholson	100.00
Lipscomb Grove, T.E. Taylor	25.00
TOTAL:	491.63

New Hope Association.
Marcus Ingram, Moderator

New Hope Association	$650.00
Congress of Christian Education	100.00
Apex First, Apex, J.E. Perkins	716.03
Bazzel Creek, Fuquay Varina.	
Norman T. Davis	833.40
Community. Durham, Percy Chase	267.00
First, Chapel Hill, J.R. Manley	255.00
Haw River, Pittsboro, R.D. James	787.00
Lillington First, Lillington.	
Queen B. Penny	10.00
Lincoln Memorial. Durham.	
McArthur Clemmons	215.00
Mebane First, Mebane, John E. Davis	125.00
Morehead Avenue, Durham, B.A. Mack	233.00
Mt. Sinai, Durham, Ricky Woods	250.00
Mt. Vernon. Durham, Percy High	3635.00
Mt. Zion, Chatham County, J.R. Burt	1051.98
New Bethel, Durham, L.W. Reid	400.00
New Hope, Chatham, Marcus Ingram	318.00
Peace, Durham, W.E. Daye	600.00
Piney Grove, Durham, R.L. Joy Jr.	300.00
White Oak, Apex, C.R. Tyner	320.00
TOTAL:	$11,066.41

Northampton County Association — D.L. Morris, Moderator

Northampton County Association	$900.00
Antioch, Jackson, Robert L. Knight	107.62
Branche's Chapel, Jeremiah Webb	100.00
Cumbo Chapel, Rich Square.	
D.L. Morris	155.00
Faithful Band, Pleasant Hill.	
W.R. Burston	600.00
Patillo Chapel, Henrico.	
Edward Fleming	151.68
TOTAL:	$2,014.30

Ocean View Association — Freeman Gause, Moderator

Ocean View Association	$1,200.00
Pleasant View, Shallotte, G.H. Buck	15.00
Total:	$1,215.00

Old Eastern Association — C.B. Gray, Moderator

Old Eastern Association	$653.00
Craven Corner, Havelock	321.67
Davis Chapel, Washington, C.B. Gray	240.00
Hayes Chapel, Greenville.	
J.B. Crandol	285.00
James Mt. Pilgrim. Oak City.	
C.H. Brown	115.00
Kehukie, Scotland Neck.	
Willie Taylor, Jr.	218.77
Macedonia, Farmville, Earl T. Jones	371.29
Macedonia, Tarboro, J.H. Williams	100.00
Moore's Chapel, Aurora (Bonnerton).	
J.B. Crandol	303.00
Mt. Tabor, Beaufort, W.V. Pritchett	306.86
Mt. Zion, Beaufort, James M. Mooring	1110.68
St. John, Falkland, Clifton Murray	188.03
St. John, Greensville, Clifton E. Murray	103.84
St. Mary, Cove City, Jethro Styron, Sr.	35.00
St. Mary, Greenville, F.R. Peterson	188.74
St. Stephens	5.00
Sycamore Hill, Greenville, H. Parker	20.00
Triumph, Washington, C.B. Gray	500.00
Union, Tarboro, Vernon Bryant	429.23
Ware Creek, Blounts Creek.	
George Smith	168.32
Weeping Mary, Tarboro, G.A. Smith	137.31
White's Chapeo, Speed, Robert Ricks	392.10
White Oak, Grimesland	312.42
Total:	$6,505.26

Pee Dee Association — J.H. Ferguson, Moderator

Pee Dee Association	$1,255.00
Belford, Jackson Springs, H.C. Miller	150.00
Bethlehem, Laurinburg, W.B. Joyner	30.00
Bright, Hopewell, A.L. Byrd	400.00
First, Southern Pines, W.J. Haire, Sr.	250.00
Gallilee, Pinehurst, Thurman Davis	100.00
Holly Grove, Rockingham, Michael Isaac	115.00
Livington Chapel, Giho, J.J. Covington	144.00
New Hope, Hamlet, W.H. Gatewood	400.00
Poplar Springs Addore, T.M. McDonald	237.00
Poplar Springs, J.H. Ferguson	40.00
Providence, Rockingham, R.T. Gilchrist	523.73
Star of Bethlehem, Laurinburg, J.C. McLean	257.00
Total:	$3,901.73

Pee Dee Union Association — H.C. Miller, Moderator

Chappell Grove, Ellerbe, C.A. Lewis	$25.00
Saron, Ellerbee, George Thomas	150.00
Spring Branch, Wagram, John McDonald	510.00
Walls Chapel, Jackson Springs.	
H.C. Miller	40.00
Total:	$725.00

Rowan Association — W.C. Hay, Moderator

Forsyth County Deacon's Union	$50.00
Forsyth County Sunday School Union	500.00
United Usher Board	50.00
Cedar Grove, Mocksville.	
K.O.P. Goodwin	515.00
Dreamland, Winston Salem.	
Donald Fisher	100.00
Ebenezer, Greensboro, W.L. Gladney	391.00
Emmanuel, Winston Salem.	
John Mendez	240.00
First, Badin, W.L. Owens	200.00
First, High Point, F.L. Andrews	50.00
First, Reidsville, O'Kelly Lawson	220.00
First, Statesville, J.C. Harris	20.00
First East, Winston Salem, Wendell Johnson	3282.50
First, Thomasville, W.E. Banks	700.00
First Calvary, Salisbury.	
Leamon E. Brown	1000.00
Friendship, Lexington H.B. Waiters	200.00
Friendship, Winston Salem.	
S.E. Tyndall	200.00
Galilee, Winston Salem, W.C. Hay	875.00
Gethsemane, Salisbury, J.L. Stowe	40.00
Macedonia, Salisbury, W.T. Jackson	50.00
Mars Hill, Winston Salem, K.E. Lilly	150.00
Mt. Carmel, Winston Salem, H.L. Moore	15.00
Mt. Pleasant, Douglas Summers	887.50
Mt. Zion, Albermarle, J.C. Robinson	675.00
Mt. Zion, Salisbury, S.R. Johnson	700.00
Mt. Zion, Winston Salem, S.T. Churn	1100.00
New Bethel, Winston Salem.	
Jerry Drayton	2085.00
New Jerusalem, Winston Salem	200.00
New St. Paul, Eden	20.00
New Zion, Greensboro, W.F. Wright	90.00
Providence, Greensboro, Howard A. Chubb	235.00
Red Bud, Germantown, J.R. Clybury	350.00
St. John, Asheboro, R.J. Gilliam, Jr.	100.00
St. Mark, Winston Salem	200.00
St. Stephens, Winston Salem, J.R. Samuels	313.00
Shady Grove, East Spencer, J.G. Gaston	794.00
Shiloh, Mocksville, A.O. Walker	81.00
Shiloh, Greensboro, O.L. Hairston	500.00
Shiloh, Winston Salem, J. Ray Butler	7327.00
Springfield, Eden, W.M. Lea	35.00
Temple Memorial, High Point.	
L.L. Macon	2347.76
United Institutional, Greensboro	
Charles W. Anderson	4000.00
United Metropolitan, Winston Salem, J.D. Ballard	10,120.00
Union, Winston Salem, B.F. Daniels	614.00
Waughtown, Winston Salem, Dennis Bishop	200.00
Zion, Reidsville, G.K. Moss	1000.00
Zion Memorial, Winston Salem.	
Joseph Jones	200.00
TOTAL:	$42,622.76

St. John Association — J.J. Johnson, Moderator

St. John Association	$300.00
First, Marston	10.00
Fletcher Grove, Laurinburg.	
James A. David	30.00
Solid Rock, Laurinburg, C. Campbell	200.00
Total:	$540.00

Tar River Association — J.B. Woodhouse, Moderator

Tar River Association	$1000.00
Bethelehm, Rocky Mount, Welton Byrd	284.16
New Hope First, Spring Hope.	
A.M. Wiggins	52.00
Philadelphia, Rocky Mount, B.V. Alston	300.00
Red Oak Grove, Stan Hope.	
J.B. Woodhouse	250.00
St. Delight, Nashville, W.E. Holloway	305.40
St. Hope, Spring Hope.	
Frank Bullock, Jr.	262.00
St. John, Nashville (Red Oak).	
W.B. Woodhouse	125.00
Sandy Fork, Bailey, C.J. LeMay	362.73
White Oak Hill, Middlesex.	
James N. Hunter	22.00
Total:	$2,963.29

Trent River-Oakey Grove Association — E.W. Wooten, Moderator

Davis Chapel, Maysville, Levy Moore	$80.00
First, Kellumtown, A.M. Kelly	200.00
First, Maysville, D.D. Dillahunt	15.00
Hills Chapel, Trenton.	
Booscorn Taylor, Jr	50.00
J.T. Kerr Memorial, Jacksonville.	
Preston Harris	75.00
Macedonia, New Bern, Levy Moore	120.00
Oakey Grove, Trenton, E.L. Batts	402.00
St. Phillips, Pollocksville, J.T. Parks	200.00
Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E.W. Wooten	25.00
Virgin Hill, New Bern	64.00
Washington Chapel, Jacksonville.	
Floyd D. Jones	15.00
Trent River-Oakey Grove Association	1000.00
Total:	$2,246.00

Union Association — M.B. Hayes, Moderator

Union Association	$500.00
First, Fayetteville, C.R. Edwards	8575.00
Friendship, Fayetteville, B.L. Rich	600.00
Good Hope, Fayetteville.	
Samuel McDonald	208.00
Laurel Hill. Lumber Bridge.	
T.F. Patterson	165.00
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville.	
J.D. Fuller	750.00
Mt. Olive, Fayetteville, Carl Brinkley	20.00
Mt. Pisgah, Raeford, R.L. Davis	200.00
New Gethsemane, Fayetteville.	
Iday Watson	$20.00
New Hope, Stedman.	
Wilson Brewerton	50.00
Oak Ridge. Lumber Bridge.	
Matthew Rouse, Jr.	115.00
Second New Light, St. Pauls.	
Waymon Kirkman	445.00
Shiloh, St. Paul	50.00
St. John, Shannon, Harry McRae	10.00
Total:	$11,708.00

United Shiloh Association, Donald J. Wess, Moderator

United Shiloh Association	333.40
Belton Creek, Oxford, P.G. Davis	1285.75
Bethlehem, Norlina, Roy Smithwick	100.00
Cook's Chapel, Norlina	293.70
First, Oxford, Lacy Joyner	500.00
Haywood, Louisburg, Luther Coppedge	35.00
Ilong, Kittrell, McCoy Bullock	286.00
Jones Chapel, Norlina, Ronald A. Wheliss	50.00
Manson, Manson, A.A. Brown	158.10
Mitchell, Louisburg, E.L. Brodie	733.33
Mt. Pleasant, Manson.	
Richard M. Henderson	200.00
Olive Grove, Littleton, P.G. Davis	329.06
Perry's Chapel, Louisburg.	
Elbert Lee, Jr	225.00
Phipps Chapel, Henderson, Perry Chase	25.00
Pine Grove, Macon, James Clemonts	150.00
St. James, Henderson, W.M. Burgess	150.81
Sandy Grove, Henderson.	
Mark A. Joyner	200.00
Shiloh, Henderson, R.W. Perry	900.00
Spring Green, Warrenton, C.H. Brown	15.00
Swift Creek, Whitakers, W.M. Burgess	250.00
Union Grove, Warrenton, P.G. Davis	200.00
Total:	$6,420.15

Wake Association — P.R. Jones, Moderator

Wake Association	$2000.00
Baptist Grove, Raleigh, Paul Johnson	120.00
Elevation, Raleigh	7026.50
First, Raleigh, C.W. Ward	455.00
First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh.	
W.B. Lewis	2370.00
Good Hope, Knightdale, Melvin Davis — Interim	209.27
Juniper Level, Raleigh, G.A. Jones, Sr.	200.00
Martin Street, Raleigh.	
David C. Forbes	16,188.00
Mt. Pleasant, Raleigh, P.R. Jones	523.00
New Bethel, Rolesville.	
Ronald L. Lowery	224.00
New Trinity, Raleigh.	
Luther Coppedge	100.00
Olive Branch, Wake Forest.	
Andrew J. Taylor	50.00
Phelps Chapel, Youngsville.	
Ronald A. Wheliss	50.00
Tupper Memorial, Raleigh.	
Leotha Debnam	172.00
Union Grove, Youngsville.	
C. Sherrod	477.50
Wake Chapel, Raleigh.	
G.A. Jones, Jr.	100.00
Woodland, Wake Forest.	
Irvin Davis	255.00
Wendell First, Wendell.	
James E. Lee	35.00
Total:	$30,555.27

Waynes Association — H.J. Kincaid, Moderator

Liberty, Sylvia, L.B. Reed	$37.50
Morning Star, Bryson City, O.T. Tomes	30.00
Total:	67.50

West Roanoke Association, Anderson Williams

West Roanoke Association	582.00
Ashland, Merry Hill.	
Franklin Griffin, Jr	324.00
Aulander First, Aulander.	
Calvin Whedbee	17.00
Beartiful Zion, Lewiston.	
J.R. Wiggins	49.00
Calvery, Ashokie, H.H. Murrill	42.00
Cedar Landing, Windsor, S.R. Barnes	99.00
Colerian First, Colerain, J.A. Davis	224.00
Conocanary, Aulander, C.C. Lawrence	89.00
Elm Grove, Ashokie, R.L. Lassiter, Sr.	15.00
First, Kelford, Claude M. Odom	17.00
First, Murfreesboro, A.M. Williams	27.00
First, Powellsville, Robert Sessoms	87.00
First, Winton	744.84
Harrellsville Chapel, Harrellsville, C.A. Hart	75.00
Indian Woods, Windsor, C.M. Creecy	37.00
Jordan Grove, Winton.	
James W. Shearin	34.00
Luella, Kelford, Claude Odom	52.00
Menola First, Woodland, J.A. Davis	399.00
Mt. Ararat, Windsor, A.J. Cherry	74.00
Mt. Herman, Aulander.	
Robert E. Sessoms	17.00
Mt. Moriah, Winton, Michael Porter	65.00
Mt. Olive, Lewiston, Morris Shearin	82.00
Mt. Pleasant, Harrellsville.	
J.R. Wiggins	99.00
Mt. Sinai, Colerain	150.00
Mt. Sinai, Como, Frank Lee	285.00
New Ahoskie, Ahoskie.	
Millard F. Boone, III	220.00
New Bethany, Ashokie, C.M. Creecy	65.00
New Haven, Murfreesboro.	
S.W. Edwards	124.00
Oxley Hill, Merry Hill, E.C. Watson	99.00
Parker Grove, Mapleton.	
Eugene Watson	200.00
Peterson Chapel, Merry Hill.	
E.C. Watson	97.00
Philippi, Cofield, C.A. Hart	514.00
Piney Woods Chapel, Powellsville.	
W.R. Burston	99.00
Pleasant Oak, Windsor, W.D. Lassiter	22.00
St. Elmo, Windsor, E.C. Watson	97.00
St. Francis, Windsor, Brady Carmack	14.00
St. Johns, Murfreesboro	99.00
St. Luke, Windsor, Elbert Lee	80.00
St. Matthew, Windsor, Lycurus Harrell	27.00
St. Paul, Windsor, Leroy Gilliam	27.00
Sandy Branch, Rondel, L.R. Harrell	97.00
Sandy Point, Windsor, J.W. Law	492.00
Second Union, Ahoskie, Hoyt Cooper	43.25
Spring Hill, Lewiston, A.J. Cherry	140.00
Woodville Plains, Windsor, B.P. Heckstall	12.00
Wynns Grove, Colerain, W.A. Davis	64.00
Zion Betnlehem, Merry Hill, Leroy Gilliam	65.00
Zion Grove, Eddie Lee	69.00
Zion Hill, Colerain, C.C. Lawrence	225.00
Total:	$6,699.09

Western Union Association, R.W. Lowe

Western Union Association	23.55
Bear Skin, Clinton, R.W. Lowe	30.00
Elizabeth, Autryville, James D. Forte	115.00
First, Clinton	40.00
Ingold First, Ingold.	
Leo Williams	100.00
Lisbon Street, Clinton.	
H.R. Cogdell	1,749.65
Littlefield, Dunn, Benny Kemp	116.47
Snow Hill, Roseboro, Jessie Smith	100.00
Union Hill, Autryville, Carroll Midgette	100.00
Total:	$2,374.67

Wilson Association, T.A Watkins

Wilson Association	900.00
Wilson County Sunday School Union	600.00
Ebenezer, Wilson, W.I. Bowden	450.00
Jackson Chapel First, Wilson, T.A. Watkins	600.00
Total:	$2,550.00

Yadkin Davie Association, Ardeal Roseboro

Smith Grove, Hiddenite.	
S.F. Hariston	$63.00

Yadkin Philadelphi Association, W.H. Sturdivant

Yadkin Philadelphia Association	773.00
Antioch, Monroe	100.00
East Macedonia, Norwood.	
George Thomas	100.00
First, Ansonville, R.E. Blount	200.00
Garris Grove, Wadesboro	150.00
Henderson Grove, Wadesboro.	
J.N. Coble	150.00
Mt. Pleasant, Wadesboro.	
E.H. Martin	150.00
Mt. Zion, Badin, D.L. Thompson	235.00
Piney Grove, Waxhaw, John Griffin	55.00
Total:	$1,913.00

Yadkin Valley Association, Montreal Howell

Yadkin Valley Association	200.00
First, N. Wilkesboro, John Speaks	150.00
Friendship, Union Grove, Romie Horton	120.00
New Damascus, Wilkesboro, W.N. Rowe	300.00
Parks Grove, Wilkesboro, W.G. Brown	96.50
Pleasant Hill, N. Wilkesboro	486.00
Popular Springs, Roaring River.	
Fred Carlton	95.30
St. John, Taylorsville, Mack Millsaps	71.25
Thankful, Boomer, H.P. Dalton	300.00
Total:	$1819 05

Zion Association, J.N. Coble

Zion Association	699.30
Zion Sunday School Congress	50.00
Brown Creek, Wadesboro.	
R.E. Blount	200.00
East Rock Ford, Wadesboro.	
Donnell Taylor	197.83
Elizabeth, Monroe, J.H. Ferguson	300.00
Flat Rock, Wadesboro, D.W. Morehead	350.00
Friendship, Monroe, R.L. Millhouse	900.00
Galilee, Oakboro, Jasper Powe	170.44
Meltonville, Peachland L. Presley	150.00
Olive Branch, Marshville, J.C. Robinson	160.00
Popular Springs, Burnsville.	
D.W. Morehead	50.00
Ramah Grove, McFarlan.	
Louis Blakeney	195.00
Sandy Ridge, Morven, W.H. Sturdivant	100.00
West Deep Creek, Wadesboro.	
W.A. Sellars	243.35
Total:	$3,465.92

Unidentified

Eureka Chapel, Fayetteville.	
George Campbell	70.00
Ebenezer, Seneca, SC.	50.00
Galilee, Strickland,	20.00
Mt. Moriah, Matthews.	
J.C. Robinson	365.00
Odell, Littleton	113.41
Red Branch, Mint Hill.	
Winford Galmon	10.00
Sassafras Grove, Yanceyville.	
Carl E. Bigelow	30.00
Total:	$638.41
Grand Total:	$271,909.86

UNION CHAPEL

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self, administered. Such brought hope and a healing benediction to a day filled with a kaleidoscopic view of singing, praying and preaching, all of which left us with renewed faith, stronger moral fibre and more harmony in our own lives.

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Department of Christian Education

By Leo Williams, Jr.,
Director

We urge each pastor to lead his church in participating in an effective Vacation Bible School in 1988. Please accept the following information and suggestions.

I. What Vacation Bible School Is:

1. Vacation Bible School is an age-graded, Bible-centered activity conducted through the agency of the Sunday School during vacation time.

2. It is a major part of the ongoing Bible teaching program of a church.

3. Its name tells a lot. "Vacation" means free time and fun away from the regular routine of the work place. "Bible" means God's written word. "School" means a learning experience. Put it all together and you have a unique Bible study experience conducted during vacation time.

4. Vacation Bible School work leads a church to do something special for its members and its prospects.

5. It provides a strong evangelistic approach for reaching youth and adults.

6. It provides interpretation and understanding of major denominational emphasis such as missions and stewardship.

II. What Vacation Bible School Does:

1. Vacation Bible School reaches out. Among the early Vacation Bible School efforts was an activity aimed to reach out to neglected children on New York's East Side. Mrs. Walter Aylette Hawes taught Sunday School in Epiphany Baptist Church about a mile from where she observed migrant children, during the summer, "playing the city streets with no one caring for their souls." She decided to take Sunday School to them during the week calling it an "Everyday Bible School."

2. Vacation Bible School teaches the Bible. The central curriculum of Vacation Bible School, from its beginning, has been the Bible.

3. It witnesses to persons about Christ.

4. It leads persons to worship.

5. It teaches persons the application of Christian doctrine.

6. It trains persons to minister in Jesus' name.

III. Organize For An Effective Vacation Bible School:

1. Organization is an important step in planning for a successful Vacation Bible School.

2. Elect the Director in the fall of the previous year.

3. It is advisable to train a lay person for this responsibility.

4. Provide a statement of job duties.

5. Set goals, choose the number of days, make schedules, decide the length, determine the number of departments and workers, choose an efficient General Secretary, select an Assistant Director, consider the handicapped, choose and use space wisely.

6. Prepare a budget.

7. Secure materials and supplies.

IV. Enlist and Train Workers.

V. Enroll The Church and Community.

VI. When Its Over, Evaluate and Begin Planning for 1989.

Contributions For The One Day Session Sunday School/BTU

Church, Location, Pastor	Amount
Aaron Swamp, Fairmont, M.E. Stubbs	$70.00
Adoram, Wallace, S.A. Richardson	140.00
Antioch, Charlotte.	
Preston Pendergrass	140.00
Antioch, Proctorville.	
Theodore Breeden	140.00
Baldwin Branch, Elizabethtown.	
B.L. Smith	140.00
Baptist Grove, Raleigh, P.H. Johnson	53.00
Baptist Union, Hope Mills, M.B. Hayes	70.00
Bazzell Creek, Fuquay-Varina.	
N.T. Davis	140.00
Bethlehem, Laurinburg, W.B. Joyner	140.00
Beauty Spot, Fayetteville, W.D.Johnson	100.00
Best Grove, Goldsboro, W.C. Horton	140.00
Big Ruin, Henderson, C.B. Walton	70.00
Cedar Grove Association	140.00
Cedar Grove, Mocksville.	
K.O.P. Goodwin	140.00
Concord, Kittrell, S.E. Blalock	50.00
District S.S. Union Association	125.00
East White Oak, Greensboro.	140.00
Ebenezer, Charlotte, A.B. Sutton Sr.	140.00
Ebenezer, LaGrange, D.S. Hammond	140.00
Elizabeth, Autryville, J.D. Forte	140.00
Elm Grove, Reidsville,	
Clarence Johnson	140.00
Emmanuel, Winston Salem.	
John Mendez	140.00
Enoch Chapel, Wilmington.	
Robert R. Jones	70.00
Eskridge Grove, Shelby, C.D. Montgomery	70.00
Eureka Chapel, Fayetteville.	
George Campbell	140.00
Fancy Hill, Dallas, John Sherrill	70.00
First African, Goldsboro, I.B. Horton	167.00
First, Chapel Hill, J.R. Manley	140.00
First, Clayton, L.E. Simpson	6.00
First, Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey	140.00
First, Clinton, J.Z. Alexander (Interim)	149.00
First, Fairmont, J.J. Johnson	170.00
First, Fayetteville, C.R. Edwards	280.00
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BAPTIST CALENDAR

July 1988

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

15 All-Baptist Picnic
Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

25 Woman's Convention Exec. Board Mtg. (during conv.)

25-28 All-Baptist Assembly
GBSC
WBH & FMC
SS & BTU Congress
Ushers
Laymen's League
Winston-Salem, NC

August 1988

5-7 Central Children's Home Annual Alumni Reunion Oxford, N.C.

6-7 Laymen's Summer Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

8-12 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Kansas City, Kansas FAMILY PRAYER MONTH-WHFMC

29-9/2 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, New Orleans, LA St. Thomas Baptist Church Dr. Benjamin Maxon, Host Pastor

All Baptist Assembly, July 25-28, 1988
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Reverend Dr. John Mendez, Host Pastor
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Host Church

"Presidents Humphrey, Edwards, Alston, Jones, and Griffin Announces Historic Session"



Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President GBSC



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Dr. Charles Alston, President GBSC Laymen's League



Mr. Cedric H. Jones, President, Congress of Christian Education



Mr. Cleveland Griffin, President Ushers Convention



Dr. John Mendez, Pastor, Emmanual Baptist Church

The All Baptist Assembly

By Dr. C.C. Craig,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer GBSC

Plans are in the making for our All Baptist Assembly which will meet in Winston-Salem at the Benton Center. The Rev. John Mendez, Pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and the Pastors of Winston-Salem and vicinity, will host the General Baptist State Convention and its Auxiliaries. We are asking all churches to make their reservations for lodging their messengers for the All Baptist Assembly. Registration forms have been sent to your church.

The All Baptist Assembly will consist of the following:

Pre-Musical, banquets for the Woman's Convention and the General Baptist State Convention, addresses, sermons, Bible teaching, emphasis in regard to the work of Ushering, Sunday School and B.T.U. teaching and training. The Missionary work of Women; adult, young adult and youth. The work of Laymen in the church will also be promoted.

Make your plans now to attend and encourage others to do likewise. We are attempting great things for the Lord and we are expecting great things from the Lord.

(See Tentative Program Page 12)

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
July 24-28, 1988
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents and other leaders of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

Many thanks to all of you for helping to make our Mid-Year Session, which was held at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Rev. F.O. Bass Jr., pastor, High Point, a success. We did not reach our financial goal, but we are still striving and we are still hopeful. However, we are very appreciative and thankful for the contributions that we received from so many of you and for what we are receiving daily. Our contributions for our Mid-Year Session of 1988 did exceed our contributions of 1987. State Missions is our emphasis for the month of May, which will help us to clear up our past due obligations to the objectives and our loan at the **Mechanics** and **Farmers Bank**. For the remaining months in our fiscal year of 1988, which will end Aug. 31, 1988, we are emphasizing the month of June for Shaw University. We strongly urge all churches to send the balance of their suggested quota for Shaw University on or before the 30th of June.

We are emphasizing the month of July for Foreign Missions and Shaw Divinity School. All churches are requested to send the balance of their suggested quota for Foreign Missions and the Divinity School on or before July 31, 1988.

We are emphasizing the month of August for the Children Home and the balances needed for State Missions, Shaw University and the Divinity School. A follow-up to these emphasis will be promoted through workshops, group meetings, calls, letters and personal contacts.

As we approach the 1988 All Baptist Assembly I am asking you all to pray and to see the Bible as a Book About Giving.

The Bible: A Book About Giving
God's Gift of Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). We exist because God gave life in creation. God is the starting point for every thought, especially our giving.

God Provides Our Identity And Purpose

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" (Gen. 1:26).

Not only did God give us physical bodies, He gave us permanent identity by making us in His image and likeness. Since we are made in the image of God, our purpose is to be the image of God in the world. We are God's representatives and managers of His world.

God Gave Us Work To Do

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it (Gen. 2:15).

The first job gave to people was universal for everyone. The work assignment was to nurture and protect all of God's creation. This assignment is as important today as ever. We are responsible for good ecology, conservation, and management of material things.

God Gives Us The Ability To Work

Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18).

Both mental and physical strength are gifts from God. Our livelihood depends on work, but the skills we possess are divine gifts.

God Taught His People To Give

You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year (Deut. 14:22).

The law which instructed the Hebrews how to live in relation to God and to one another included directions for giving. Giving ten percent of the increase of crops and animals provided for the Levites, priests, and temple functions. A tithe provided for the holy feasts when the people worshipped God. A third-year tithe provided help for people in need.

God Expects Us To Give

Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, "In what way have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings" (Mal. 3:8).

God often gave His word to His people through the prophets. Malachi's message dealt with the nation's rejection of God. The prophet cataloged their sins: false worship, corrupt priests, infidelity, refusal to give to God. Refusing to give was one of many indications that the people had turned from God. Christians who do not give also reveal other problems in their relationship to God.



Dr. C.C. Craig

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."

(II Corinthians 6:7)



Stop The Clock From Being Turned Back

From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Interim Editor
Stop the Clock
From Being Turned Back

Several weeks ago I was talking with Dr. I.B. Horton, pastor of First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and a former editor of the **Baptist Informer.** Dr. Horton shared with me the case of Attorney Earl Whitted, Jr., a member of his church, a lifelong civil rights activist, and a friend of the oppressed of all races, ages, creeds and colors. (See Dr. Horton's Letter in the April-May 1988 **Informer**). I am lifting up the case in my editorial this month because, in my opinion, one of our black leaders is being treated unjustly.

Background Information

Earl Whitted, Jr. was charged with embezzling funds from several of his clients between 1983 and 1985. Whitted denied the charges, but did admit to violating a North Carolina Bar Code Ethics Rule which does not allow the mixing of client funds with personal funds. Whitted had not created a proper trust account for his clients. He was disciplined by the North Carolina Bar for this mistake in judgment.

On May 1, 1987 Attorney Whitted was found not guilty by a Wayne County Superior Court on the embezzlement charge. After this trial Attorney General Lacy Thornburg's Office in Raleigh announced that it would continue the prosecution of Attorney Earl Whitted, Jr. A second trial was initiated by Attorney General Thornburg's Office in September, 1987. On October 12, 1987 the second trial was declared a mistrial after a "hung jury" in Wayne County Superior Court on the charges of embezzlement. During both trials no funds were ever found missing. The parties that had brought the initial charges are deceased and the disputed money is presently in their estates.

Why we must speak out

Attorney General Lacy Thornburg has begun proceeding with a THIRD trial based on the same charges. Attorney Whitted has already been disbarred because he did not have a proper clients trust fund; he has lost his home; he has lost his license to practice law; he has lost his business; and his family has suffered great pain and anguish.

The local Wayne County authorities have dropped the case; yet, Attorney General Lacy Thornburg has personally taken responsbility for another trial, a THIRD TRIAL. Why must we speak out? THIS TYPE OF PERSECUTION COULD HAPPEN TO YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY, OR ONE OF YOUR CHURCH MEMBERS, OR SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. Enough is enough, how many times must this black attorney be tried for a mistake in judgment? Why has the state turned prosecution into persecution? Why have there been so many recent attacks on the character of black leaders in our communities across the country? The atmosphere of oppression in America has been very high the last seven years. As Christians, we must stand for justice, fairness, and rightness. STOP THE CLOCK FROM BEING TURNED BACK!

What can you do?

Write and call ATTORNEY GENERAL LACY H. THORNBURG, Justice Department, P.O. Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, 919/733-3377. When you write and call ask the Attorney General to end the persecution and prosecution of Attorney Earl Whitted Jr., of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Attorney Whitted has already been found innocent by a Wayne County Superior Court.

ALSO YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN A PETITION. SEVERAL CONCERNED STATE-WIDE ORGANIZATIONS WILL HAVE PETITIONS TO SIGN THIS MONTH. FIND ONE — SIGN ONE, check in your local churches, with your local NAACP branches, and with your social groups.

STOP THE CLOCK FROM BEING TURNED BACK! SIGN A PETITION

Dr. Charles Ward Passes Secretary GBSC Executive Committee

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Not just a preacher, not just a pastor, not just a scholar but Dr. Ward was a friend to us all.

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward, age 72, departed this life Thursday, May 26, 1988 at his home, 500 Beverly Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Ward was a native of LaGrange, Georgia. He received his early education at the East Depot Street High School, LaGrange, Georgia. His higher education was completed at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D.C., Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C., Urban Training Center, Chicago, Illinois and post graduate study, Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

He was married to the late Roberta Gore Ward; to this union one son was born, Charles W. Ward Jr.

Dr. Ward was a dynamic and illustrious Christian gentleman, pastor and world civic leader. He was pastor of the West End Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., Rising Star Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, N.C. He rebuilt that church during his pastorate. His endeavors also included Dean of Mission, Forsyth Baptist Missionary Fellowship, Winston-Salem, N.C., Executive Secretary, Georgia Missionary and Educational Convention, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. For twenty-eight years and until his death, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Ward carried First Baptist to lofty heights. Under his administration the church experienced tremendous growth and progress. His accomplishments for First Baptist will always be carried in the church history.

Dr. Ward was a scholar, a renowned pastor, preacher, speaker and a master teacher and counselor. He received numerous honors and citations for his outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service to church members, the community, the state, as well as the total America, where he was involved in the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention and the National Baptist Convention.

Survivors include a son, Charles W. Ward Jr., a daughter-in-law, Marty Ward, many nieces and nephews, the First Baptist Church Family and a host of friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Ward was eulogized by Dr. Leon Riddick, pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.



Dr. Charles W. Ward

WOMEN'S PAGE

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Our 1988 Summer Activities

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

All Baptist Assembly, July 25-28, 1988 Winston-Salem, N.C. For your WBH&FMC registration forms and housing, write WBH&FMC, P.O. Box 1818 Raleigh, N.C. 27602, 919/833-4823.

In the May issue of the "Baptist Informer" were some of the conventional summer activities given. However, please be reminded of our 104th Annual Session, along with the All Baptist Assembly, during the week of July 25-28, 1988 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem. Please begin praying now for the success for all participation and making plans to attend. Let us give God thanks for our summer activities.

Our State Supervisor desires that the youth and the supervisors be present for their opening session on Monday, July 25, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. at the Skating Rink/Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, so that the Youth special events can be achieved in the abbreviated time. This is emphasized because the Youth usually begin their activities on Tuesday. The Young Adults will begin their activities at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 1988, at the Convention Center also.

Remember The All Baptist Picnic

All Baptist Picnic — The All Baptist Picnic will be Saturday, July 16, 1988, (not July 15, 1988) at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The schedule is as follows: 9:30-10:30 a.m. — arrival and recreation; 10:30 a.m. — cessation of recreation and preparation for worship; 11:00 a.m. — worship (chapel); 12:30 p.m. — lunch; 1:30-5:00 p.m. — recreation. The Rev. Butler McKinnon Jr., pastor of Hillsdale Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, and Pines Chapel Baptist Church, Pinetops, will deliver the sermon.

Mrs. Alice Sommerville Visits The East Cumberland Missionary Union

By Luetta B. Williams
Regional Editor
Fayetteville, NC

Mrs. Alice Sommerville has a warm message for the East Cumberland Union, on each visit she makes to its annual banquet and training session. The March ceremonies are synonymous to pre-"Lott Carey" anticipation. Having celebrated her ninetieth (90) birthday in November, 1986, Mrs. Sommerville is a miraculous picture of health, youthful energy and Godly beauty — appearing several years younger than her numerical age.

One contributing factor to her youth is her love for people and their missionary efforts, in particular. Another factor is the worth she attributes to small programs which honor the Lord as effectively as larger ones. "Little groups," she says, "are special to the Lord."

Her greetings came from I Thessalonians 1:6,7,8 — where Paul acknowledged the church at Thessalonica for its "example to all that believe..." Mrs. Sommerville guided the group through precious reveries which recalled our early acquaintance with her and Lott Carey. After having received numerous reports and correspondence from the group, she made a special request that we allow her to visit and really meet the people behind those reports. As a result, the East Cumberland Union and Mrs. Sommerville have had a mutual love affair that dates back more than thirty (30) years.

She presented a challenge to the church to encourage its youth according to scripture. Her down-to-earth, but spiritually bold message, **Some Things Christians Don't Do**, brought laughter, because of her skillful use of humor, and brought spiritual agreement in the form of Amens, because of her scriptural accuracy and sincerity.

She challenged the audience to claim God's promises of his presence and providence when we seek to do His will and not be found guilty of renaming sins so prevalent in our society. Our youth need models not approval of sin. Incest and wickedness in high places, to name a few, have to be condemned by the Christian community. Adultery needs to be called what it is — not **mutual consent** — but sin. Youthful sins must be recognized as such, not called by escapist terms such as **Pshchopathic Aspects of Adolescent Mentality.** Regardless of the sin or whoever commits the sin, according to Romans 6:23 — the wages of sin is death.

Following the example of the Thessalonian church saints must be conscious of their need of a savior, and must realize that all men are in need of a continued right relationship with God.

Renaming sins does not clear the sinner nor justify the sin. Furthermore, Mrs. Sommerville concluded, concealing sin makes man a "walking civil war"; One never knows which side of a person will win over. Certainty lies only in Jesus. Her message lingered long after her departure — to fill in for her husband, Dr. Sommerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Convention. Her destination was Raleigh where the 1989 convention will be held. Mrs. Sommerville's enthusiasm is so contagious that the assembly is already expectant of uniting with her and Dr. Sommerville in August of 1988 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. F.J. Boddie: WBSC Banquet Speaker Monday, July 15, 1988, 6 p.m. Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem, N.C. For information call 919/833-4823.

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Laymen League News

By Dr. Charles Alston, President

Brother Cedric Jones and lay officers of the Charlotte area churches spearheaded one of the most successful Study Commission Meetings of recent times on Saturday, March 12, 1988. Convening with the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, the session orchestrated by Brother Jarvis Morgan, Church Vice President and Study Commissioner, drew approximately 150 men, women and children. The session was remarkable in that it presented a capsule view of what the future holds for the Laymen's League in its thrust to become bigger, bolder and better by involving, in specific ways, women and children of both sexes. Dr. J.B. Humphrey, host pastor and GBSC President, extended warm greetings and words of welcome to the assembly.

Special thanks go to Brothers Samuel Williams, President of Laymen's League, Mecklenburg General Baptist Association; David Gist, Vice President of Lane Creek Laymen's League and other associational officers and supporters who joined hands in making the day successful.

The next meeting of the Study Commission will be held at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, on Saturday, June 12, 1988. The Mini-Skill Conference will be held simultaneously. Plans include a special session on religious aspects of scouting where scouters will have an opportunity to earn badges in this area. Special talents will be shared also.

Convening with the First Baptist Church, Burlington, North Carolina, the Laymen's League Auxiliary held one of its most successful One Day Sessions in recent memory on Saturday, April 23, 1988. Following the devotion conducted by Second Vice President Howard Graham, Dr. Styles, host minister, delivered a warm and hearty welcome. Dr. W.B. Lewis, First Vice President of the GBSC, brought greetings on behalf of the parent body since President J.B. Humphrey was unable to attend. Bro. Cleveland Griffin, President of the Ushers Auxiliary, and an outstanding layman, brought greetings on behalf of his organization. Bro. Cedric Jones, President of the Sunday School Baptist Training Union Congress, brought greetings on behalf of the State's Sunday School Workers.

A short plenary session was held at which time the president, vice presidents and other key persons gave reports updating the conference members on activities within their purview of responsibilities.

The Laymen's Chorus, in a rare moment of musical splendor, gave a mini-concert that was a tone setter for the remainder of the conference. Brother Kenneth Brown, a mainstay of the Asheville-Buncombe Laymen's League was the conductor.

Rising to the occasion in a sermonic masterpiece, the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston Salem, set the air reverberating from the subject, "Few But Fit."

The Second Annual Hall of Fame Fellowship, an integral part of the One Day Session, was held at the "Mr. B's" Restaurant, Burlington. Speaking to a near capacity audience, the venable Dr. George C. Debnam, prominent Raleigh physician and churchman par excellence, reached the zenith of oratory as he challenged the laymen of North Carolina to extend themselves in the areas of stewardship and faithfulness. During lighter moments he brought laughter; during serious moments, the audience was spellbound as he shared so freely from his rich background as a man of God, physician, and humanitarian.

Four newcomers, Brothers Weddie Gabriel, Elihue Sinclair, James Pierce and Theodore Speight, were added to the prestigious list of outstanding laymen who have given of their time, talent, influence and means to advance God's Kingdom as members of the North Carolina Laymen's League. Brother Frank Marshall, Asheville, a Hall of Famer and Former President of the Laymen inducted the foursome into the Hall of Fame. Brothers Charles Alston and Wiley Davis also gave remarks relevant to the occasion.

Following are capsulations of the 1988 Hall of Fame Inductees:

1. Theodore R. Speight — Born in Snow Hill, North Carolina, this outstanding laymen has conquered many mountains as a dedicated and committed kingdom builder. He serves on the Board of Deacons at the Community Baptist Church, Durham, where his services with the local laymen are exemplary. He has excelled as a civic and community leader also. The Durham Business and professional organization, over which he once presided, has been the beneficiary of his labor. He once was chairman of the Board of the Durham Business and professional organization.

As an active member of the Ushers Association, this brother left his mark on the "sands of time" as a "doorkeeper for the master."

He holds a life membership in the NAACP. The Baptist World Alliance claims his membership also.

Election to the Laymen's Hall of Fame is an honor he has earned through long, faithful and committed services for his Lord. He so richly deserves to be so recognized.

2. Jarvis Edward Pierce — a Virginian by birth, a photographer by profession and an Ashevillian by adoption, this brother contributed immeasureably to the growth and development of the Laymen's League. He is an active member of the Nazareth First Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina where his lay activities are noteworthy.

Politically, James Pierce is an activist with the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Black Caucus; and civicly, he contributes time and resources to the work of the NAACP where he holds membership.

Aside from making the long trek from the mountains to points east for Study Commission meetings with regularity, Pierce serves as Public Relations Officers and a member of the Executive Committee. His faithfulness in attendance, financial and moral support endear him in the hearts of laymen statewide.

James Edward Pierce, "the man with the melodious voice," has won with hard work, dedication, a Christian attitude and unselfish service a place in the Laymen's Hall of Fame of North Carolina.

3. Elihue Sinclair — Born and raised in Robeson County, North Carolina, the humble and effectual, Elihue Sinclair epitomizes the model layman. When a good man needed for whatever Christian cause, this brother responds with dispatch, a Christian attitude and a "mind to work."

It surprises no one that Elihue Sinclair is a deacon at his home church, First Baptist, Fayetteville, a member of the NAACP, and is active in the Sear's Retired Club. Fayetteville, N.C. is fortunate that he is numbered among it citizentry.

Elihue Sinclair's leadership abilities stand out. He is a past president of the First Baptist, Fayetteville Laymen's League, and currently leads the Deaconate of First Baptist as its Chairman.

As a churchman committed to doing the Will of the Father, Sinclair is actively involved in the Sunday School and BTU.

Elihue Sinclair, because of exemplory Christian service over a long period of time, has won his place among the giants in the North Carolina Laymen's Hall of Fame.

4. Weddie Gabriel, Jr. — When the history of the North Carolina Laymen's League is chronicled, the name of Weddie Gabriel will be written indelibly upon its pages. His spirit, attitude, commitment and dedication, coupled with his fatherly image makes him the layman among laymen. He has used God's gifts to accomplish more for the cause of humanity in a lifetime than most men of superior formal training.

The community of Sherrill Ford, in Weddie Gabriel, has indeed produced a remarkable son, not only has he spent his years from childhood to the present there, he has won a remarkable string of victories. He holds membership in the Sherrill Ford Fire Department, the NAACP, the Catawba Valley Community College Board of Trustees and has had a long tenure of Christian stewardship as a member of the New Prospect Baptist Church. The Catawba County Missionary Baptist Association honored him for 55 years of meritorious service. In 1987, the Lott Carey Convention awarded him a plaque for outstanding contribution to missions.

For four of his many years as a dedicated and committed layman, Weddie Gabriel served the Laymen's League Auxiliary with distinction as chairman of the finance committee. Additionally, Weddie continues to pledge 100% support to the Laymen's League program.

Weddie Gabriel's meritorious service to mankind and the programs of the Laymen's League has earned him a place among the special people making up the North Carolina Laymen's League Hall of Fame.

Ushers News

By Cleveland F. Griffin, President

Dear Co-Laborer in Christ:

We give thanks to God always for you, and making mention of you in our prayers. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love.

If it is the Lord's will, we should be making preparation to come together at our Thirty-Ninth Annual Session which will convene at Winston-Salem, N.C. This will be our ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, which will be July 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1988.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 26, 1988, at 1:30 p.m. we are asking all Ushers to be in uniform and participate in the processional (Women in white and Men in black). We will also have our recognition for churches, Unions, Conventions and Associations again this year. Please ask that your church represent with a minimum of $100.00.

If you wish to pre-register, send $5.00 per person and please list the names of each Usher you are pre-registering for. Make all checks payable to North Carolina State Ushers Convention and send to 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

Our sincerest and warmest appreciation to all of you and may the Lord continue to bless you richly during this session.

Yours In Christ,
Cleveland F. Griffin,
President

1988 All Baptist Assembly

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EDITORIALS

"Hunger and Racism"

By Cureton L. Johnson

"Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God." (Acts 10:34,35)

The Apostle Peter's words reflect the inclusiveness of God's love toward all people. He spoke them shortly after the Holy Spirit had led him to proclaim the Gospel to someone of another race and culture. In breaking with customs of his day, Peter stayed in the home of the Roman centurion, Cornelius, eating with him and praising God for several days. This experience led Peter to tell his Gentile friend, "God has shown me that I should never think of anyone as inferior."

Today, Christians should affirm the vision of racial equality, and recognize that racism is an evil that causes poverty, hunger and immense human suffering worldwide. Unfortunately, in the United States and throughout the world, the evils of prejudice and discrimination have been and continue to be blights upon global, national and local community building.

Racism is a belief that human races have distinctive characteristics which determine their respective cultures. It holds to the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to rule others. A system of government and public policies may support racism, and societal rules may be based upon racist beliefs.

The system of slavery in the United States and the legacy of racism it unleashed was the focus of a major national study 20 years ago. The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, also called the Kerner Commission, warned U.S. citizens, "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one Black, one White — separate and unequal." The report starkly pointed to "white racism" as a major cause of division in the nation. The commission reported that the 1967 summer riots were "in large part the culmination of 300 years of racial prejudice."

People who are the targets of racism are also likely to show up more in national poverty statistics. For example, the U.S. black infant mortality rate in 1985 placed 28th worldwide, behind Cuba and Costa Rica. And black infant mortality rates are higher in Memphis, the District of Columbia and Boston than in Jamaica. Children who are born into unhealthy environments tend to be poorer learners; poorer learners are likely to live in poverty; people who are poor are most likely to be hungry. Hence, the racism which breeds economic poverty creates the environment for failure, poverty and hunger.

And according to Kerner Commission members who gathered this year to discuss racial progress in the United States since the 1968 report, racism is 'still a critical national problem. Children again are most vulnerable. After years of being told that they are nobody, the idea — for some — sinks in. Studies have shown that two out of three black children, when given the choice of playing with a black or white doll, will choose the white doll. In schools, many black children, when drawing pictures of themselves, leave the faces white.

So what does the church do to combat this racism? It nurtures children and makes them see their beauty in the sight of God. It instills confidence and self-esteem. It teaches that all God's children are valued. It is also the task of the church to feed all people — physically and spiritually — and to support U.S. public policies that allow all races in all nations to be fed and to be rid of poverty.

World Hunger and Poverty



By Cureton L. Johnson
Director of Outreach
Bread for the World

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From The "Baptist Informer"

Bookshelf



Reverend Jason Barr,
Book Review Editor

Preaching About Crisis In The Community

By Samuel D. Proctor

Not long ago a woman who was a member of a neighboring church complained to me about her pastor's preaching. "He preaches too much about welfare dependency and teenage pregnancy," she declared. She went on to assert that these and similar subjects were not things the preacher should address in the pulpit. "What people do with their lives," she continued, "is nobody's business but that person's." According to Samuel D. Proctor, this woman and others like her do not understand that this is precisely one of the roles of the pastor as preacher.

Samuel Proctor is pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York and former president of North Carolina A&T and Virginia Union Universities. His book **Preaching About Crisis in the Community** is one of five books in the Preaching About . . .series published by Westminister Press. According to Donald Shriver, president of Union Theological Seminary in New York, this book is "strong intellectual support for preachers who refuse to separate the personal and the social implications of the gospel of Jesus."

Proctor in a succinct way challenges those who would construct artificial walls between personal piety and social responsibility. Those who prefer to "remain at ease in Zion," and to "preserve their popularity and acceptance, and to enjoy the compliments of those who find it pleasant to be left unchallenged," will not like what Proctor has to say.

The thesis of the book is stated at the outset: "The preacher has the unique responsibility to stand tall in the midst of our moral confusion, our spiritual estrangement, and our lost opportunities and to declare that God is with us in our situation." Proctor then proceeds to develop the thesis using the Bible as his major source for most of the remainder of the book.

Some will find the first few chapters to be somewhat unexciting and redundant. In spite of this Proctor builds a strong case for the preacher to deal with issues that affect the local, national and world communities. These issues include but are not limited to: the priority of eliminating poverty amid plenty, the priority of education, and the priority of family stability.

Chapter 4 of the book is perhaps the most exciting. Here Proctor deals with the issue of how one can be sure that the voice that speaks about community concerns is one that comes from God. How can the preacher be sure that what he says on Sunday is not the echo of his own personal prejudices? How can we know when we listen to another voice whether that voice is the voice of man or the voice of God speaking through man? These are the types of issues addressed and questions answered in this chapter.

Proctor offers a threefold test to determine the authenticity of the voices that claim to speak for God. "The first test is to ask if what is said corresponds to the facts already in hand." He further suggests that the scriptures be consulted to see if what is said "sounds like what any of the great spiritual pioneers might have said. . ." (It should be added that Proctor includes an entire chapter of the appropriate use of scripture in preaching about community concerns).

The third test asks the reader to "ask if [what is said] sounds like anything Jesus would say. . .While the inner voice on a given issue may resemble the Chamber of Commerce, or the Democratic Party, or the League of Women Voters, or the Christian Century, or William Buckley. . .that is incidental. Does it sound like Jesus?"

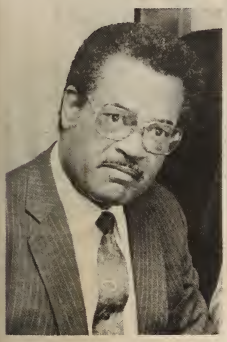
After one has encountered this chapter there will not be much doubt that the rhetoric of the fundamentalists remotely resembles the voice of the Christ. Under the rubric of Proctor's threefold test, religious leaders like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson come up lacking in bibli-

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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

"Crisis-Oriented Support vs. Regular And Consistent Support"

The past speaks to the present and future. One of my first concerns after taking over the helm of Shaw University was to try to understand what its history has to say to Shaw University's today and tomorrow.

Our beloved Shaw University was founded in 1865. Two years later, 1867, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (GBSC) had its beginning. The two developed a close working relationship and a sense of interdependence. Shaw University was proud of its affiliation with the GBSC. It became the training ground for much of the Convention's leadership. It stressed moral and spiritual values, and made religion an integral part of its atmosphere.

The churches, carrying out their role in the relationship, contributed to Shaw University's support in both a tangible and an intangible manner. The leadership of the Convention constantly encouraged the churches to rally to the University's support, and did a great public relations job in publicizing its objectives, mission and needs.

This historical survey reveals that some of the churches have been regular and consistent in their support of Shaw University. However, it also reveals that support coming from a large number of our churches has been crisis-oriented; when the school is in trouble, they contribute.

Now history also has value in that it can help us in the present and the future to improve on the past by pointing up our problems and mistakes. The lesson that we are taught in terms of the Shaw University/GBSC relationships is for more of our churches to move from the bracket of crisis-oriented support to the bracket of regular and consistent support.

I, as much as anyone, appreciate the help that has come from the churches. But the old adage, "a stitch in time saves nine," and "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" carry in a succinct fashion the lesson I am trying to hammer home. Financial crises at Shaw University can be prevented through systematic, regular and consistent support on the part of its well-wishers.

Monthly or quarterly contributions can serve as preventives and cut off crises before they occur. Churches can show their interest in the survival, viability and vitality of Shaw University and their Christian generosity by contributing regularly and consistently.

I support that argument and challenge with some statistics: 1700 churches, 400,000+ members, and 59 contributing associations. Think of how Shaw's financial status would improve if those statistics were geared to monthly support of the University. Many of our worries would be over.

In the next few months I will concentrate much of my efforts on changing the philosophy of support from crisis-oriented to regular and consistent support. **It can be done** and with your help and prayers, it **will be done.**

Many of you I will not see before the All-Baptist Assembly in July. I look forward with pleasant anticipation to seeing you there to thank you personally for both your intangible and tangible support of Shaw University. I will also be promoting a new philosophy: **regular and consistent support.**

F.D. Terry Family Gives Shaw University $1,000

Shaw University recently received a check for $1000.00 from the family of Chaplain Frederick D. Terry in memory of the late Alberta Gibson Terry, who expired on February 22, 1988, at Marion, Indiana. Mrs. Terry was a 1955 graduate of Shaw University with a degree in elementary education. Her education was continued at North Carolina Central, Wake Forest University, and West Virginia University where she received a Master of Education. Mrs. Terry's teaching career included Charlotte, Elm City, Winston-Salem, and Durham, North Carolina. She also taught in Hinton and Martinsburg, West Virginia, before accepting a position at Lincoln School, Marion, Indiana, where she remained until her death.

During her college days at Shaw, Mrs. Terry worked in the office of the president as a typist. Her memberships included the NAACP, Urban League, YWCA, American Association of University Women, Indiana State Teachers Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Marion Teachers Association.

In 1985, Mrs. Terry was honored by receiving one of Indiana's highest awards when Major General Murray Cantrall presented her with the "Princess of the Delaware" award for the loyal, unswerving, and often self-sacrificing dedication to the Army Reserve career of her husband, Colonel (Chaplain) Frederick D. Terry.

In a recent letter to the President of Shaw, Chaplain Terry stated that the gift will be discussed with other members of the family as a possibility for renewal each year.

Dr. Cheek Returns To Shaw Commencement

Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Howard University, former president of Shaw University and a Shaw alumnus, was the Shaw commencement speaker May 7 at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Three hundred thirty-three graduates were awarded baccalaureate degrees.

Dr. Cheek's administration at Shaw University is credited with the erection of the Blount Street overpass and Tupper Memorial Garden.

Cheek received his early education in the public schools of Greensboro and received the Ph.D. from Drew University. He is also the recipient of many honorary degrees. He is listed in the international "Who's Who in Community Service," "Leaders of Black America," "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," the 1968 edition of "Outstanding Young Men in America," 1973 edition of "Men of Achievement," and the 1974 edition of "Leaders in Education."

Activities that comprised the 123rd commencement week included the Senior Banquet on Friday in the Spaulding Gynmasium; the national alumni meeting Saturday in the Student Union, and the president's reception which followed the commencement exercises.

Also, Shaw University received



Dr. James E. Cheek

$5,000 of a $10,000 pledge to enhance curricula offerings in communications, television production and mass media from Capital Cities/ABC Foundation. This grant is a part of a commitment by the foundation and WTVD-TV 11 to assist area colleges with large minority enrollments in developing future leaders in the television industry.

Alan Nesbitt, president of WTVD; Ms. Hazel Rich, member of the WTVD Advisory Committee; and Ms. Chrystle Swain, community relations manager and Shaw alumna; made the presentation to Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University.

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5th Annual Shaw Day

Western North Carolina had the distinct pleasure of entertaining the honorable Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, April 17, at Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville, in recognition of the 5th Annual Shaw Day sponsored by the Shaw University Asheville Cape Center.

Dr. Shaw delivered to us a powerful message "There Is A Lad Here" John 6:9. He stated in his address that a young lad could have gone into the world to persue worldly things, but instead he chose to listen to the words of God. In comparison to Shaw University, young people choose to attend college instead of worldly things.

Shaw is an institution that is built on religion and education. Shaw University excepts students as they are, retain them, educate them and send them back out into the community as productive citizens.

President Shaw asked that Western North Carolina send students, keep the faith and continue to support the cause because Shaw University is on the move.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw is viewed by Western North Carolinians as being a keen administrator with a great ambitious mind to lead our beloved Shaw to even greater heights.

Rev. L.C. Ray, coordinator of the Cape Center, is to be commended for his efforts in rallying the communities to support Shaw in a tangible way and also commend Dr. N.M. Avery and the Hill Street Church family for opening the doors of their church and offering their assistance in every way.

Shaw University Alumni Chapter Asheville, N.C. Elects New Officers



Officers are (l to r) seated: Diatha Ivery Harris, (Pres.); Gladys Forney, (V.P.); Standing: Dr. C.R. Mosley, (Parlia.); Robbie Williams, (Prog. Chr.); Cathy Lytle, (Sec.); Harriett Haith, (Trea.); Dr. L.C. Ray, (Chaplin); Betty Irvine, (Co. Sec.) not pictured.

Shaw University Recruits Minority/Disadvantaged Students For Pre-Health Science Degree Programs

The Division of Science and Technology at Shaw University is continuing targeted recruitment efforts to increase the number of minority/disadvantaged students being trained in the fields of premedicine and allied health through its Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP). The program at Shaw, recently approved for a second three-year cycle of funding by the Division of Disadvantaged Assistance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides academic enrichment activities to interested high school senior level graduates during the summer and to all levels of health science majors matriculating at Shaw during the academic year, with the objective of facilitating their entry into health professions schools.

Eugene N. Baskerville, Ph.D., Director of the HCOP program at Shaw, explained, "The underrepresentation of health professional Black, Hispanic and other federally recognized disadvantaged persons is a problem of increasing concern. It is particularly disturbing to note that while the rate of growth of Black and Hispanic populations is rapidly increasing, their college participation rate is currently declining. In the geographic area of North Carolina alone, approximately 24 percent of the total state population is comprised of Blacks and Native Americans, yet, in 1985, only 3.8 percent of the physicians of the State were Black and Native American." Dr. Baskerville further states "that retrogression rather than progression has occurred" noting that from 1980 through 1986, the rate of decline of Black and Native American graduates of the medical schools in North Carolina has averaged an alarming 21 percent per year. "Clearly, creative and innovative approaches are needed to reverse this trend."

The summer program is of six weeks duration and includes pre-college review studies in science, algebra and communications, special assistance workshops, mentor/role model seminars, guest lecture presentations to expose students to study, note-taking, and test-taking skills, career options and pathways, contemporary health science issues, and biomedical research investigations being conducted at Shaw. The academic year program will be comprised of similar activities with an emphasis on proficiency in application development, interview techniques, medical terminology, and taking admission tests for health professions schools.

The HCOP program, in conjunction with the University's recruitment program, disseminates information about the program and the availability of financial aid at Shaw throughout the State of North Carolina. For further information, call or write the Health Careers Opportunity Program at Shaw University, Division of Science and Technology, Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, (919) 755-4992 or (919) 755-2915.

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College Day Set at Cape Center

By Henry Robinson
Citizen-Times Writer

More than 200 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from schools in several Western North Carolina counties are expected to attend College Day activities at 9 a.m. Saturday at Shaw University's Asheville Cape Center on College Street.

Sponsored by the Asheville Alumni Association of Shaw University, the program is designed to introduce area high school students to state-supported and private colleges and universities in North Carolina, said Diatha Harris, alumni president.

She said high school students in Asheville and Buncombe County and Brevard, Hendersonville and Henderson County have been invited to attend the half-day session.

Among the colleges and universities that will be represented are Shaw University and St. Augustine College, both in Raleigh; North Carolina State A&T University in Greensboro; North Carolina Central University in Durham; Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City; Bennett College in Greensboro; and Livingstone College in Salisbury.

"We want high school students in this area to be aware of these institutions and the various programs they offer, such as academics, sports, financial aid and scholarships," Harris said.

"We also seek to improve on the number of high school students attending college from this area," she said.

The alumni will join with area churches to provide transportation for the students to and from the Shaw Cape Center. A reception for students and college representatives will be in the fellowship hall of Hopkins Chapel AMEZ Church.

Church Pastor Needed

The Pulpit Committee of Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, North Carolina is seeking a pastor for the church. All candidates must meet the following qualifications:

— Ordained minister with at least 5 years pastoral experience
— Must be a Missionary Baptist
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— Must be willing and able to reside in Hickory, N.C.
— Must be married
— Must be between 30 and 48 years of age

In addition, health will be a key consideration for selection.

For further information and application forms, please write to:

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Friendship Baptist Church Pulpit Committee
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Johnson Receives Church Service Award



Roy J. Johnson

GREENSBORO — Dr. Joy J. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, North Main Street, Fairmont, N.C., and President of Robeson County Concerned Citizens for Better Government, received the North Carolina Council of Churches Distinguished Service Award recently at Star Mount Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, N.C., during a luncheon.

The award was presented by Collins Kilburn, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches to Dr. Johnson for his more than three decades of ecumenical and social action ministeries in Robeson County, State and Nation.

Johnson was cited for Legislative Leadership in getting the first state paid Chaplains in North Carolina and the first Equal Opportunity Legislation in the state. Also, for Legislation in Prison and Welfare Reform. But more recently for his Christian Leadership in Robeson County in the struggle for Justice and Equality for minorities. Also, on Wednesday, May 11, Dr. Johnson appeared before the U.S. House Sub-Committee on Criminal Justice, Chaired by Rep. John Conyers, (D. Mich.) to discuss the perils and problems in Robeson County.

Georgia Guest Delivers Initial Sermon

Georgia B. Guest, soloist for the General Baptist State Convention, and one of the National soloist for the National Baptist Convention, preached her initial sermon on March 20, 1988 at Light Oak Baptist Church in Shelby, NC, where she is a member and is serving as Minister of Music, and director of the Ebenezer Associational Mass Choir.

"Since I've been singing for years I feel that was not my total calling." She excepted her calling into the ministry on January 16, 1988.

Rev. Sister Guest, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beard and the mother of three children, Vickie, Carmen and Noble Jr. "I feel its not enough to just sing the word or preach the word but we must also be a doer of the word."



Reverend Georgia Guest, GBSC, Soloist

Robeson Minister Speaks On 'New Day' in County

By Susan Sawyers

The small, wiry man approached the microphone with a confidence that comes from the knowledge that you're among friends.

"I bring you greetings from Robeson County, South Africa," the Rev. Joy J. Johnson told about 150 or so members of the House of Delegates of the N.C. Council of Churches, which held its annual meeting Thursday in Greensboro.

His tongue-in-cheek humor sparked appreciative laughter.

Johnson, 66, is president of Robeson County Concerned Citizens for Better Government, a group organization in 1985 to work for more government representation for Indians and blacks in the racially troubled county.

The council presented Johnson with a Distinguished Service Award for his work on justice issues, concerns that are shared by many council members.

Tensions in Robeson County climaxed in February, when two Indians held hostage 19 employees of a newspaper in Lumberton to bring attention to charges of racism and corruption in the county.

Although Johnson doesn't support the use of force, he said, some positive results have come from the hostage-taking.

Gov. Jim Martin ended the siege by agreeing to establish a task force to look into charges of drug trafficking in the county and to investigate the death of Billy McKellar, a young black man who reportedly died of asthma in the county jail.

On March 8, Robeson County residents voted to merge their five public school systems into one, a first step toward educational equality.

Also, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners voted recently to form a 21-member Human Relations Commission, which would include equal representation by Indians, blacks and whites. The group holds its first meeting May 10 at the Robeson County Courthouse in Lumberton.

But the climate in Robeson is a long way from calm. In the past two weeks, a black woman and a white man were found stabbed to death in their homes. And many Indians still feel the killing of Julian Pierce, a Lumbee Indian and candidate for a Superior Court judgeship, was racially motivated. Authorities say Pierce was killed in a domestic dispute.

"The perception in Robeson County," Johnson said, "is that it was politically motivated?"

Ironically, Pierce received 2,000 more votes after his death than his rival, District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt, who won the judgeship by default.

"It was symbolic of a feeling of Indians, blacks and whites that there is a new day in Robeson County," Johnson said.

After Pierce's death, he added, the governor established a second judgeship that would likely be filled by a member of a minority group.

"We do see some sunlight at the end of the tunnel," Johnson said. "But the battle is still going on."

In other business, the delegates called on North Carolina churches to help ease the farming crisis through education and advocacy. The five-page resolution, which passed unanimously, recommends that pastors investigate, then educate their members on the economic, social and personal aspects of the decline of farming in America.

The resolution asks churches to:

•Provide pastoral counseling to farmers overwhelmed by stress.

•Encourage dialogue between rural and urban residents.

•Buy locally-produced farm products.

•Work for fairness in government's involvement with farmers.

The resolution also calls on the governor and the General Assembly to adopt policies that:

•Require mandatory restructuring of farm debts.

•Allow farmers who have lost their farms to buy or lease back the property at present market value.

•Allow farmers to get back their homes and part of their land.

•Provide legal protection for farmers under contract to corporations.

•Promote health and safety for farmers.

The delegates also elected a new panel of officers that include: the Rev. Thomas Law of Raleigh, president; Bishop Robert Estill of Raleigh, first vice president; the Rev. Raymon Hunt of Charlotte, second vice-president; the Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte of Raleigh, third vice president; Catharine Vick of Cary, secretary; and the Rev. James Ferree of Charlotte, treasurer.

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Lawson Chapel Installs Langston Duvall Logan, Sr.

Langston Du Vall Logan Sr. is a native of Gretna, Va., and is married to the former Sharon Clark of Gretna. They have three children: L.D., Brittney and Jessie.

Rev. Logan accepted Christ and joined the Watson Level Baptist Church in Gretna, Va. There he served as musician, church treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon. After accepting the call into the ministry in 1977, he served as Assistant Pastor of Watson Level Baptist Church. From June 1979 through 1987, he served as Pastor of the Sunflower Baptist Church in Halifax County, Va. He accepted the call to the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church in Roxboro, N.C., in January 1988.

Rev. Logan received an A.B. and a Master of Divinity degree from the Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Va. He has completed some Doctoral work at Virginia Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va. Also, he has served as Homilitics and Speech Instructor with Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Va.

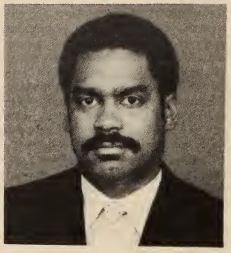
The Association and General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., welcomed Rev. Logan to the state. A reception followed the service in the church fellowship hall.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

The Rev. Ricky A. Woods Installed At Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Durham, N.C.

By A.D. Logan,
Informer Editor

Rev. Ricky A. Woods is from Burlington, N.C. He is married to the former Laura Annette Hill, no children. A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Business Administration-Finance, and a minor in Employment and Training. Additional ministerial training from Luther Rice Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., and Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. He is presently employed as an Economist by the United States Department of Labor, Atlanta, Ga. Former interim pastor of the Bethsada Baptist Church, while serving in that capacity he established Saturday Youth Fellowship, Children's Church as part of regular Sunday morning service, children's choir, church support for foreign missions through the Lott Carey Baptist Convention. Member of the Miles Chapel Baptist Church, A&T State University Alumni Gospel Choir, Alamance County Committee on Civic Affairs, Charter member of the Brothers in Christ Fraternity, A&T State University, and the Alamance County Ministerial Alliance, Alamance County Human Relation Committee. License, obtained from Miles Chapel Baptist Church in 1977.



Reverend Ricky A. Woods

Received ordination from the Cedar Grove Baptist Association in 1980.

Rev. Woods also works with the General Baptist Foundation, Inc.

The presiding officer of the service was the Rev. Dr. Howard Chubbs, pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. The installation sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Van D. Battle, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N.C. Dr. Battle's topic was "Carry Your Own Corner."

The service was followed by a reception in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. Jasper E. Horne Installed As 15th Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Edenton, N.C.



Reverend Jasper E. Horne

The Rev. Jasper E. Horne is a native of Wadesboro, N.C.

He received his secondary education at West Deep Creek High School in Wadesboro, N.C., and his Bachelor of Theology from Shaw Divinity School in 1980. He also attended Guilford Technical Community College in Greensboro, N.C., majoring in Business Administration.

Rev. Horne was the Associate Minister of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. from 1976-1980, and is the former pastor of Mineral Springs Baptist Church in Pelham, N.C., from 1980-1987.

He is presently a member of the NAACP; Invincible Lodge #251; Consisory 106, Khalif Temple 144; member of the Shaw Divinity School Alumni of Greensboro, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School.

Rev. Horne has been very active in church activities. His past activities include Moderator, Ministers and Deacons Union, Cedar Grove Association; Executive Board Member of Cedar Grove Association, Parliamentarian; Vice Chairman of the Board of Christian Education; Chairman of the Ordination Council; Assistant Secretary, Rural Church Committee, General Baptist State Convention Incorporated of North Carolina.

He was formerly the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Director of Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress of Guilford Missionary Baptist Association; Member of Board of Education of Guilford Missionary Baptist Association and Volunteer for Duncan Elementary School, Pelham, N.C.

His honors include: President Certificate of Distinction from General Baptist State Convention, Inc.; Employee of the Year, Greensboro News & Record and Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, Republic of South Vietnam.

Rev. Jasper E. Horne is married to Shrell Orville, and they have one son, Jaconiah Alexander.

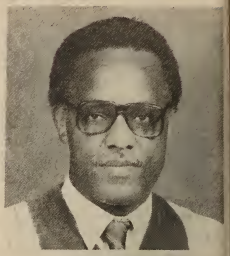
The service was presided over by Rev. Dr. William E. Banks, pastor, First Baptist Church, Thomasville, N.C. The service of installation was led by Rev. Dr. George W. Brooks, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., and the Mt. Zion Church Family.

Webster E. Lytle Receives Doctor of Divinity Degree

Graduation Exercises were held at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, on Sunday, May 8. It was the college's 97th, and Otis R. Bowen, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, was the guest speaker.

In addition to more than 240 students who received degrees, Honorary degrees were presented to four persons — including the Rev. Webster E. Lytle, Pastor of Morning Star First Baptist Church, Hickory. He was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Lytle was cited for nearly three decades of service to the Christian Church and to the community. And, because, "under his leadership, Morning Star First Baptist Church has become a shining example of Christian love and service." He was also cited for his efforts as the first Black person to be elected to serve on the Hickory City Council in 1981, re-elected in 1985 and the first Black to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore of the City.



Dr. Webster E. Lytle

He is married to the former Ms. Raquel C. Allen, and they are the parents of three children. Lytle has been the Pastor of Morning Star First Baptist since June, 1973.

A Black Perspective Election '88:

As the 1988 election season comes closer, North Carolina Public Television offers a program featuring national black leaders and political figures examining the elections from the perspective of Black Americans.

The program will be videotaped at the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., on July 8 at 8 p.m. before a live audience. It will air Friday, July 15, at 9 p.m. on all 10 channels of North Carolina Public Television.

The panelists for this program include some of the nation's outstanding black political leaders. Dr. Linda Williams, a political analyst for the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington, D.C., will compare the Jackson campaigns of 1988 and 1984.

North Carolina native Congressman Edolphus "Ed" Towns, 11th Congressional-New York, will lend his broad experience not only as a congressman, but also as a former leader in the Democratic State Committee.

NC State Representative Dan Blue, chairman of the Black Democratic Caucus, will give a local perspective to the panel discussion, which will include questions from what is expected to be a standing-room-only audience of 600.

The executive producer of ELECTION '88: A BLACK PERSPECTIVE is Dr. Paul Vandergrift. The program will be aired nationally over the Southern Educational Communications Association. For further information, contact Sally Keeney, publicist, at 919-962-8191 Ext. 566.

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Reverend Dempsey Earns Doctor of Ministry Degree

Raleigh — The doctor of ministry degree in the area of clinical pastoral care was conferred on Reverend Joseph P. Dempsey during the May 13th commencement by Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Tacoma, Washington.

The Reverend Dr. Dempsey has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lillington, Oberlin and Circle of Faith Baptist Churches of Raleigh, and Pine Grove Baptist Church of Creedmoor.

He was awarded the bachelor of science degree by Fayetteville State University, master of arts degree by North Carolina Central University, and received the master of divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School.

He taught in the public schools of Sampson, Franklin, and Wake counties, respectively.

Since 1971, he has served as an instructor-counselor in the University Counseling Center at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina.

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cal integrity. Their militarism, unbridled patriotism, and rejection of civil rights gains "is alien to the Good News of God."

The last chapter of the book is devoted to the preperatory stage of preaching about community concerns. Proctor offers Hegelian dialecticism as a valuable tool. This process of delineating a thesis, antithesis, and synthesis is a systemized process of logical development. While he does not suggest that this method is the only way to approach a sermon on community concerns, he does suggest that "because of the way in which the real and the ideal are presented for reconciliation, this method is especially useful when bringing before a congregation a community concern. . ."

Samuel Proctor is a black pastor, educator and writer. This book, however, is good reading for more than just black preachers, or black people for that matter. The book will be valuable to all people concerned about exactly how the gospel intersects our lives socially, politically and spiritually.

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South Main Hall, Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, N.C.
July 24-28, 1988

Sunday Night, July 24

7 a.m. Pre-Convention Musicale

Monday Morning, July 25

6-7 Early Morning Prayer Hour
8:00 Registration
9:45 Joint Opening Session
Dr. J.B. Humphrey, presiding
11:30 Sermon — Dr. W.B. Lewis
Dismissal

Monday Afternoon

2-4 p.m. Individual Auxiliary Sessions
(Please see Official Program)
4-5:30 Committee Meetings

Monday Evening

6-9 Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention Banquet, Speaker Dr. F.J. Boddie
10 p.m. Evangelistic Services, New Bethel Baptist Church

Tuesday Morning, July 26

6-7 a.m. Early Morning Prayer Hour
8 a.m. Registration
9:00 Devotional
9:15-10:00 Classes: Welcome Program: Local Committee
10:45-12:45 Joint Session, Laymen's League in Charge, Mr. George Turner, presiding
President's Address: Dr. Charles C. Alston
Dismissal — Dr. Charles Alston

Tuesday Afternoon
Ushers in Charge
Mr. Fleton Davis, Presiding

1:30-2:00 p.m. Processional
2:00-2:15 Devotional
2:15-2:30 Devotional Message: Mrs. C.N. Arrington
2:30-2:45 Work of the Convention
2:45-3:05 President Address: Mr. Cleveland Griffin
Introduction of Speaker: Rev. Claude Chester
Sermon: Dr. E.W. Wooten
4:00-4:30 Presentation of Certificates: Mr. Willis Byris
Dismissal
4:30-5:30 Individual Auxiliary Sessions
(Please see Official Program)

Tuesday Evening

7:00 (All Youth Session — Skate Rink)
Joint Session S.S./BTU Congress in Charge, Mrs. Elizabeth Youth, presiding
7:00 Music — Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart
Mr. Waverly Camp
7:15 Demonstration — Mrs. Hazel McLean
8:00 President's Address: Mr. Cedric Jones, Music; Sermon: Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr.; Dismissal — Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr.

Tuesday Evening

10:00 p.m. Evangelistic Services, New Bethel Baptist Church

Theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Tasks in Christian Stewardship." St. John 4:34-35.

Wednesday Morning, July 27

6:00-7:00 a.m. Early Morning Prayer Hour
8:00 Registration
9:00 Devotional
9:15 Class Sessions:
10:00-1:00 Parent Body in Session; Dr. W.B. Lewis, Presiding
Theme Discussion: Rev. P.C. Holland,
Solo — Mrs. Georgia Guest
Greetings:
10:30 Reports:
General Board, Executive Secretary Treasurer, Dr. C.C. Craig
Committees, Offering for State Mission
President's Address: Dr. J.B. Humphrey
Dismissal

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00-5:00 Joint Session, Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary In Charge, Mrs. Eva Johnson, Presiding
Processional, Opening
Theme Discussion — Ms. Rhonda Reynolds, Mr. Darryl Patterson
Annual Report — Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie; Reflections & Promotions — Mrs. Julias McDonald, Mrs. Elfreida Brooks; Offertory Appeal & Prayer — Mrs. Novella Whitted; Presentation of President — Ms. Maggie M. White; State of Convention Message: Dr. Luella D. Edwards; Benediction

Wednesday Evening

6:00-8:00 GBSC President's Banquet
North Main Hall, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, presiding.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Talbert O. Shaw
8:00 p.m. (All Youth Session — Skating Rink)
Join Session, (Parent Body in Charge), Rev. John Mendez, Presiding
Devotional Sermon: Dr. W.T. Richardson, Music, Dismissal.
10:00 p.m. Evangelistic Services
New Bethel Baptist Church

Thursday Morning, July 28

6:00-7:00 a.m. Early Morning Prayer Hour
9:00 Devotional
9:15 Classes:
Joint Session, Parent Body in Charge, Rev. Charles R. Tyner, Presiding
Final Reports
Installation of Officers, Sermon: Communion Adjournment

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau
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July 24 - 28, 1988
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Deadline for Receipt: June 24, 1988

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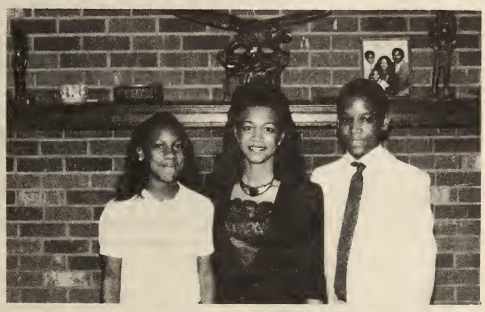
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5-7	Central Children's Home Annual Alumni Reunion Oxford, N.C.
6-7	Laymen's Summer Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
8-12	Progressive National Baptist Convention, Kansas City, Kansas FAMILY PRAYER MONTH-WHFMC
29-9/2	Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, New Orleans, LA St. Thomas Baptist Church Dr. Benjamin Maxon, Host Pastor

SEPTEMBER 1988

5	LABOR DAY
5-11	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Dallas, TX
10	Laymen's Study Com. & Executive Board Mtg., 10 a.m., Nazareth Baptist Ch. Asheville, NC
17	Woman's State Convention Executive Com. Mtg. 10 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
24	Family Missions Conference

Pastor Mendez, His Family, Emmanual Baptist Church & Area Pastors Host All Baptist Assembly



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Rev. Dr. John Mendez

Winston-Salem — Reverend John Mendez is a native of New York City, where he received his primary education. He is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He received his Master's of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Rev. Mendez is the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is married to the former Ms. Sarah Howard, and they have two children, Sekou 11, and Jamilla 8.

Rev. Mendez actively serves on many Boards of Directors, including: The Home Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, The General Board and Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Board of Directors of the General Foundation; Christian Education Board of the Rowan Baptist Association; YMCA Board of Managers; and the Arts Council Board of Managers. He is also a member of the Black Theology Project and Racial Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches. Rev. Mendez formerly served as Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies at Shaw Divinity School. He serves as a member of Christian Leadership Conference Peace Committee to bring peace to Vietnam.

Rev. Mendez furthermore has a high Social Consciousness that has involved him in many civic and national affairs. In 1973 he toured and conducted a workshop on Drug abuse in Greenville, Alabama. In 1984 he went on a fact finding tour in Central America which included such countries as: Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. Following the completion of this commission, he testified before a Tribunal on U.S. War Crimes in Central America where the evidence was presented to the United Nations in New York City. He is also a member of the Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America whose aim is to advocate peace in that region through negotiations and not war. In 1985 Rev. Mendez was invited by the All African Conference of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya. He was the first General Baptist Pastor to address that body. He is presently acting as American coordinator for the All African Conference of Churches to build a link between Black Churches in America and in Africa. In 1984, Rev. Mendez was arrested for protesting against apartheid in South Africa in front of the South African Embassy.

He presently heads a special Task Force and Legal Defense Committee to secure a new trial for Daryl Hunt, a young Black man allegedly convicted of a crime without evidence. Rev. Mendez has actively participated in exposing police corruption and unethical practices in the Winston-Salem department.

Rev. Mendez has lectured broadly to various political, religious and civic groups; The Black Family Task Force in Winston-Salem; The Paul Robeson Festival sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Committee; Black History Month Celebration at Delaware State College; The Religious Emphasis Week at Shaw University in Raleigh; A Conference on Mission and Ministry at Southeastern Baptist Theological dealing with "Social-Christian Dialogue." He addressed the State Convention of the NAACP, Wake Forest University, where he lectured on a comparison of Dr. Martin L. King and the James Cone Theology. He was also one of the guest speakers at the Memorial Services for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, and recently the guest preacher for the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Jewish Synagogue in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Mendez has received many awards and honors including: Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, 1971; Certificate of Recognition by Shaw University for significant contributions to the educational and social welfare of the student community; Awarded a plaque for serving as President as Black Theological Forum, 1981; Awarded plaque for Outstanding leadership 1982 by Black Theological Forum of Southeastern Baptist Seminar; and Awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award by the Afro American Society of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Jan. 11, 1981. Awarded certificates of Appreciation from The North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers, Black Political Awareness League; Alpha Award of merit by Omicron Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Humanitarian Awarad by Wendell — Wake Co., NAACP. Also from The Shaw Divinity School, The President's Award of Distinction of 1983; General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., 1985, President's Achievement Award Wake Baptist Association 1980-1983 in Appreciation for Leadership and Devotion.

Rev. Mendez has traveled extensively in various parts of the world such as: Berne, Switzerland; London, England; Paris, France; Rome, Italy; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Zanzania, Zanzibar, Madagascar, Somalia, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, in Central America; Toronto, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig —

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents and other leaders of the Baptist Family:

We are attempting great things in regard to our forthcoming All Baptist Assembly, July 24-28 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and we are expecting great things from our All Baptist Assembly. However, we need your full support and cooperation in doing the following things:

1. Lead the church to select members from each auxiliary of your church or churches to attend the assembly.

2. Represent each auxiliary with the designated representation fee for the fiscal year 1987-88: Usher — $100.00, Laymen League — $100.00, Sunday School and B.T.U. —$140.00.

Report as much money as you possibly can to the financial committee of the Parent Body in an effort to reach your suggested quota for the fiscal year on or before August 31, 1988.

3. Report your money for the Woman's Convention to the Financial Committee of the Woman's Convention.

4. Make plans to attend the banquet for the Woman's Convention on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and the President's Banquet on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The cost for each banquet ticket is $17.00 each.

5. Pray for the leadership of the All Baptist Assembly as we seek to hear reports of our work, give directions under the Lordship of Christ, and to map plans for future growth and development.

Many thanks to you for your monthly contributions for the objectives and other causes.

We have a long way to go financially in reaching our financial goal on or before August 31, 1988. However, if each pastor, including members of the Executive Committee, members of the General Board and members of the Convention meet their suggested quota, we could reach our financial goal.

We prayerfully urge you to put forth every effort to reach your suggested quota on or before August 31, 1988.

THE BIBLE TEACHES CHRISTIANS TO:

GIVE-WILLINGLY

"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints" (2 Cor. 8:3-4).

GIVE-SACRIFICIALLY

"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:43-44).

GIVE-PURPOSEFULLY

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold" (Luke 19:8).

GIVE-INCREASINGLY

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

GIVE-LIBERALLY

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

GIVE-FAITHFULLY

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful . . . Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . ." (I Cor. 4:2, 16:2).

GIVE-COMPASSIONATELY

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17).

GIVE-GLADLY

"Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).



Dr. C.C. Craig

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



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By Archie D. Logan Jr.

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



"Eight Reasons Not To Resign"

Several years ago I was reading an article by Don Bubna, a pastor in Salem, Oregon which talked about the feelings that many pastors experience. The stress of the pastorate, the need to succeed and achieve often takes its toll on many pastors. There are some days that pastors just want to quit, take a leave of absence, and resign their pulpits. SPIRITUAL BURNOUT is a critical problem of the clergy.

I want to encourage those pastors that are experiencing "spiritual burnout" to keep the faith, stay in the race and trust God, the race is not to the swift but to those that hold on until the race is done. Below are eight reasons for you not to resign:

1) **YOU NEED TO GROW IN THE NEW DEMANDS YOU ARE FACING RATHER THAN FIND AN EXCUSE TO COP OUT.** As pastors we must realize that God gives us new opportunities daily. There are new mountains to climb, new rivers to cross, new valleys to go through. Regardless of your "station" the pastoral experience is basically the same.

2) **REFUSE TO BE GUIDED BY YOUR EMOTIONS.** There is nothing wrong with "feeling like resigning." As ministers we often have high expectations which result in natural letdowns or depression. We often asked ourselves, "Is my preaching/teaching in vain? Have I done my best? Does anybody care what God expects of us?" Pastors we must be careful not to be guided by our emotions but by reason and the Holy Word of God. "Be ye faithful . . ." to your calling.

3) **YOUR FAMILY NEEDS LOVE AND STABILITY.** Always be considerate of your spouse and children. Your family is important. As a minister be considerate of their lives. Are you settled in the community? How does your spouse feel about going to a new church situation? How disruptive would a move be? Many times we neglect our family and feel we must face life's decisions all alone. Pastor your family needs, your love and stability.

4) **BUILDING PEOPLE TAKES TIME.** You should realize early in your pastoral ministry that building a "church ministry" takes time. For example, look how long it takes for an oak tree to grow tall, strong, and beautiful; the same is true of the church. Building people, programs, tithers, and stewards of God takes time — do not expect to reach success "overnight."

5) **A LONGER MINISTRY BETTER SERVES THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.** I have been blessed to serve the First Church for over 40 years. I have shared in the growth of our membership and Charlotte. I feel apart of a glorious procession of spiritual fellowship that finds joy in the journey with my people. Longevity has its place in the church.

6 **THE SUPPORT OF CHURCH-FOLKS COMES GRADUALLY.** Pastors you must win the hearts of the people. By demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ in you, gradually you will win the support of the church. Many times we want everything "yesterday," but one of the keys to a successful pastorate is patience. Support for programs is often slow. Many times your vision is not the peoples vision but be patient, preach in season and out of season, pray without ceasing eventually things will get better.

7) **YOUR SALARY CAN GROW AS THE CHURCH GROWS.** One of the main reasons pastors want to resign is over compensation. Churches must be made aware of their responsibility to the pastor. Dr. Huntley in his **Manual for Baptist** writes that it is the responsibility of the Church Deacons to see that the table of the pastor is taken care of. Pastors we must work closely with their officers and members to see that their needs are known. Several benefits are essential to a successful ministry they are: Adequate housing (provided by the church, through a parsonage or housing allowance); Insurance benefits (health, life, disability); Continuing Education (a church can only be as strong as its leader — better yourself ; Retirement (REMEMBER! You will reach the banks of the Jordan River one day — prepare to RETIRE); Weekly income at a level that can allow you to carry out the ministry of the church (Is your family provided for, can you represent the church in your dress and attire, are your monthly expenses being met): Always teach and preach tithing. Pastor you must take the lead in stewardship.

8) **YOU CAN TRUST GOD AND NOT PANIC.** You do not have to find an immediate solution to every problem or pressure. God expects you as pastor to "trust" in the Lord. Staying in a situation often teaches us that our time to move has not come. When pastors resign under stress they yield not to the will of God but to the will of the world. **WHEN GOD WANTS YOU TO MOVE HE WILL REVEAL HIS HOLY WILL TO YOU. HOLD ON UNTIL YOUR CHANGE COMES.**

WOMEN'S PAGE

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Fellowship In Winston Salem

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

As we gather in Winston-Salem for our 104th Woman's Convention Session, along with the All-Baptist Assembly, hopefully we have begun preparations for our getting there, lodging and boarding, fellowshipping, giving, singing, praying, preaching, teaching, speaking, in other words — just simply participating in the experience in the spirit.

Let us anticipate a great session in the Lord. Most scheduled meetings, if not all, will be in the vicinity of the Benton Convention Center. The Executive and General Board meetings of the Woman's Convention will be, however, in the Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel, across the street from the Benton Convention Center on Monday afternoon during the period of 2-4 p.m. **The Youth of the Woman's Convention** will meet on Monday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., for the Supervisors' Foreign Mission Pageant and "Have-A-Heart for Mission" and on Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., for the "Shaw Contest" and Youth Officers' March. **The Young Adults** of the Woman's Convention will meet on Monday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. At other times the Youth and Young Adults will be meeting with the Assembly session, unless otherwise scheduled.

In a few days we will end our 1987-88 conventional fiscal year. We are grateful for the gifts we have received for missions; however, we remain rather short of the anticipated goal of $487,401.00. Can we not commit ourselves to give more sacrificially that we can help those who so desperately depend on us? In round terms we need approximately $184,700.00 in total: Shaw, 20,000.00; Shaw Divinity School, 1,800.00; Central Children's Home, 10,000.00; Baptist Assembly, 1,200.00, and State Missions, 151,000.00. As it now stands, we still face the challenge of this unfinished task for this year, but may God help us to realize these gifts for missions.

In reviewing our final days of the theme intact, I am sharing with you some papers which were submitted to us on behalf of these youth from Union County.

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"Mark My Word"

By Mrs. Colene Stanley

The 59th Leadership Training Conference of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention was held at the J.J. Johnson Assembly site, Laurel Hill, North Carolina, June 6-10, 1988.

Present for this outstanding Conference was 56 participants from 20 counties.

The title of the text studied was **Mark My Word** by William M. Pinson, Jr. The instructor for the week was Mrs. Robbie Diggs from Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The vesper service minister was Reverend W.D. Johnson, Pastor of Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville. His subject was the "Evidence of Missions."

Conference Coordinator and Musician was Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas who challenged the Conferees to their best effort in spiritual performance through music. There were 12 first time persons at the Conference.

Other highlights were the nature study by Mrs. Annie R. Bryant, Arts and Crafts by Mrs. R.S. Holloway and Mrs. Willie M. Ward, along with the Woman's Convention program by Mrs. Diggs and President Luella Edwards. On Thursday evening, Mrs. Marion H. Bass, President of the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary, was the banquet speaker. She inspired all with a message on "God's Holy Word."

The Wrap-up session was presided over by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie and Dr. Edwards. This session included the week's activities, committee reports, presentation of certificates, resumé of the week, and personal evaluations. The circle of love was challenged with the Convention hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," and the closing prayer by our returned Missionary, Sister Minnie C. Lyon.

Central Children's Home Day Celebrated At Gold Hill

The Women's Auxiliary of the Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Association recently held a Central Children's Home Day in Spindale. Guest speaker was Executive Director Michael R.S. Alston Sr.

This is the second year the Women's Missionary Auxiliary has conducted a project for the Home. At the conclusion of the program the President, Mrs. Martha Ledbetter-Baskin, presented a check for $2,000 to be used for the children and the facility.



CHILDREN'S HOME DAY — Members of the Women's Auxiliary of Gold Hill shown above during the recent children's home day celebration are (left to right) Charlene Brown, assistant secretary; Eloree Clyburn and Laura McEntire, field workers; Mary Webster, treasurer; Mattie Turner, historian; Gladys Richards, secretary; Martha Ledbetter-Baskins, president; Children's Home Director, R.S. Alston; Barbara Swann, vice president; Georgia Foster, Glenwood Carson and Dr. R.L. Carson, Central Children's Home Day committee members.

Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month

The Law of the Harvest

Galatians 6:6-10



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I. INTRODUCTION

Our text this morning is a most interesting one. There is probably not another passage of scripture found in the entire Bible that is misinterpreted as much as these passages from our text. It is also interesting to see how in chapter 6 of Galatians that Paul speaks of cases referring to the church's responsibility to three types of brothers: 1) a sinning brother (Gal. 6:1), 2) a burdened brother (Gal. 6:2-5), and a teaching brother (Gal. 6:6-10). Moreover, it seems that the church today like the church of Galatia has not learned its lesson and responsibility to these three types of brothers. However, today we simply want to focus on only one brother not all three — the teaching brother. For in this study we see God's law of the harvest. May I say here that the law of the harvest simply means that God, in forming the universe and all that is within, established certain laws to govern His creation. These laws are so fundamental that not even God himself, as a rule, will intervene to change the outcome.

What I am going to say from here may sound harsh and mean. That is not my intention. However, it is my intention to preach the whole Gospel and not just parts. But to give examples of how God's law of the harvest works. *Note: If you jump off a 20 story building, God's law of gravity will pull you to the ground and the impact will be so great in most instances it will cost you your life. God Himself will not break the fall. If you drink excessively, overeat foods high in cholesteral, smoke a pack of cigarettes a day, engage in permissive sex, you may develop a cirrhosis of the liver, become overweight, leading to other health problems, develop lung cancer, obtain an unwanted pregnancy, a venereal disease, or AIDS. Because the law of the harvest states whatever you sow you reap. So if you fall in any of the above categories, do not be surprised if one day the doctor walks in and states you have six months to live. For as a rule, God Himself will not intervene. And just as the law of the harvest applies to life in the forementioned areas, the law of the harvest applies to the church in reference to its responsibility to the pastor. May we now examine all four verses to see not what Rev. Woods says, but what God says.

II. WE REAP WHAT WE SOW

The first thing we must understand is that we reap what we sow. Verse 6 informs us: Let him that is taught in the word share with him that teaches in all good things. The King James Version uses the word communicate as opposed to share. However, the Greek meaning of the word is KOINONEO which means to share with others, to distribute and be a partaker. This verse informs the church that it is the church's responsibility to provide for the man God has provided for their spiritual benefit. **This verse parallels Paul's in I Corinthians 9:14 that states: even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.** This is a subject often times that the church attempts to side step. But it was an issue so important that two whole chapters in I Corinthians addressed this issue. Martin Luther wrote over 400 years ago: "It seems to be a by-product of the Gospel that nobody wants to contribute to the maintenance of the Gospel ministry." Why is it so necessary for the Bible to repeat over and over for the church to provide for its spiritual leaders? Why is it necessary to repeat that the church is to take care of him who visits the sick, buries the dead, comforts the bereaved, preaches to the lost, counsels the distraught? Why is it? Because when satan cannot suppress the preaching of the Gospel by force, he tries to accomplish his purpose by striking the minister of the Gospel with poverty. Yes, I know the Lord will provide. But God has established that the way He would provide for the minister is by the churches cheerfully and willingly giving to his support. For I Corinthians 9:11 states: **"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your material things?"** And when the shepherd cannot be there because of having to do other things to provide for his livelihood, the people go lacking. Without ministers to proclaim the word of God, the people will become like savage beasts. To quote Luther again: "You cannot refuse to give God a penny who gives you all good things, even life eternal, and turn around and give the devil, the giver of all evil and death eternal, pieces of gold and not be punished for it." For verse 7 states that God is not mocked. Do not be deceived. Paul is so worked up over explaining the church's responsibility to take care of the minister, he not only provides an admonition but also a warning. Some people think it is humorous to take advantage of the minister. They like treating them like slaves or hired servants. But be not deceived. God is not mocked. And His ministers are not mocked. This verse implies that the blessing that the church receives from God is in direct correlation with how the church provides for the minister. If they sow and give to support to the minister who in return can give his time and energy to the work of the Gospel without having any distractions from outside, God will bless that church with all spiritual blessings. However, if the church chooses not to obey God, then that church never receives the total blessing God had planned for it. **The effectiveness of any church starts with its willingness to take care of the man of God.** 2 Kings 4:8-37 tells the story of a woman who asks her husband to build a chamber room for the man of God, Elisha, so that he would have lodge when he passed that way. Later her son dies and Elisha rises from the dead because of her faithfulness to him. Be not received. God is not mocked. We reap what we sow. If you are not growing spiritually, you must ask what am I sowing. For verse 8 informs us reap that we sow. You cannot sow beans and get corn. It is not my desire to sound burdensome, or to appear that I am preaching for money. But I believe the whole Bible; and **2 Timothy states all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.** Then verse 17 says that the man of God may be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Therefore, people must be told of their duty and responsibility. For God has ordained, God's law is, and should be the only law that they which the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

III. WE REAP MORE THAN WE SOW

Secondly, verse 8 tells us that we reap more than we plant. He that soweth to the spirit — i.e., he that honors the ministers of God is doing a spiritual thing and will reap everlasting life. He that soweth to his flesh — i.e., he that has nothing left for the ministers of God, but only thinks of himself, that person will reap of the flesh corruption, not only in this life but also in the life to come. Hosea 8:7 tells us that they sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. This is God's law of the harvest. To sow in the spirit provides for that which is needed for the shepherd and reaps of the spirit everlasting life. One of many questions that will be asked on judgment day of every believer is how did you sow, to the spirit or to the flesh. If to flesh, no fruit can we bring and all of our works will burn being tried by fire. But if of the spirit, our works will go before us an a testimony of our faithfulness. Remember, you reap more than you sow.

IV. WE REAP IN DIFFERENT SEASONS THAN WE SOW

Lastly, verses 9 and 10 tells us we reap in a different season than we sow. Verse 9 says let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. This verse also deals with the church's responsibility to the minister. **If you are doing well do not be side tracked by those who would want to change God's plan for their own plan.** It is easy enough to do good once or twice, but to keep on doing good without getting disgusted with those that seem ungreatful is not easy. To keep on doing good when other ministers are falling prey to the world and its system of greed. To keep on providing even if you think the pastor deserves it or not is not easy. **But Paul says if we keep on doing good and do not get weary; if we faint not in due season we will reap.** Yes we always reap in another season than we sow. If we faint not in our duties to the spiritual leader, we shall reap. When God will judge the quick and the dead we shall reap. When we see Him face to face we shall reap. **When this old warfare is over and I stick my sword in the sands of time to study war no more, we shall reap.** When it is all over we shall reap. And I shall wear a crown. For we reap in another season than we sow. Now Paul closes by simply saying therefore . . . Therefore always means reference to something that was said earlier. Since we know God's law of the harvest, that we reap what we sow, we reap more than we sow, we reap in a different season than we sow, therefore, let us do good unto all men but especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Paul would have us to know work while it is day for night comes and no man can work. Work and provide for those God has sent to the shepherd and sheep. Especially do good to him that pursues the lost, that protects the found and provides for all. Therefore do good. Therefore, do good especially to those appointed by God to preach the Gospel. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

V. CONCLUSION

I close with this story. There was a boy who was told by his mother to plant some peanuts so that the next year they could take them to market. The young lad went out and did as he was told but with one exception. He would plant one and eat two. Plant two and eat three. By and by when the peanuts came up out of the earth, the mother noticed that there were spaces between the vines. She asked the boy what had happened and he explained what he had done months earlier. Little did he know at sowing time it was coming up again. Yes church, what you sow down here in this old world is coming up again. Like it or not, it is coming up again. Therefore, heed this message for it is coming up again.

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK

"The Challenge Of The Unfinished Task in The Church"

I give honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Ministers, President, Members and Friends.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The church is in the world but not of the world. Only blood washed, spirit baptized believers constitute the church that Jesus is building.

1. The Church: Its Foundation

Matthew 16:13-18 states that no person can serve two masters. You either hate the one and love the other or hold one in and despise the other.

2. The Church: Its Head

Colossians 1:18 states that Christ is the head of the body, the church. Christ is the foundation, cornerstone the and head of His church. He is head of the local church and He is head of the church in its all inclusive broader sense, including all born again, blood washed spirit baptized believers in heaven and earth.

3. The Church: Its Organization

In Titus, the 1:4,5, Paul left Titus in Crete to organize the believers into local church bodies and to set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city.

4. The Church: Its Discipline

In Matthew 18:15-17, Jesus tells us that if your brother do some harm to you, you tell him alone. If he does not hear you, you take one or more witnesses so that every word is made known and if he still neglects to hear you take him to the church. . .If he doesn't hear the church, he will be called a heathen.

5. The Church: Its Worship and Work

In Matthew 28: 16-20 Jesus told his disciples to go and preach His word. We the church are all disciples of God. The church is commissioned to work. The church is to work with Christ and the Holy Spirit. The church is to work with Christ and in His field. The need for the church to work is great. The time for the church to work is now!

The church is to work until Jesus comes to judge the work of the saints. The church will be rewarded for its work. God's program for the local churches is **Come and Worship Go and Work.**

6. The Church: Its Power

In Acts the 1:8, Jesus tells us that we shall have power to evangelize the world with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

7. The Church: Its Future

In 1st Thessalonians 4:16 we understand that the true church of Jesus Christ has the victorious future in the world, our Kingdom and eternity.

I challenge all of you to worship and to do the work that Christ has left on record for us to do. Let us strive to do a greater work for the Lord.

By Ercia Mills
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The Challenge of The Unfinished Task In The Community

I cannot speak about the community without mentioning the Home, Church and Neighbors. For they make up our communities.

The Home is the ideal place and atmosphere in which to learn the principles and skills of harmonious living together in the community. The Home provides a variety of experiences of the quality and meaning that help people to form high standards in both their thinking and cooperative living in community life.

We as Christians must learn to promote peace in our communities. The Church must interpret the spiritual meaning of brotherhood and independence. It must carry on a campaign of education and convince men that the way of the cross is the only way to establish peace. Community peace will not come until the church takes the teachings of Jesus seriously and wins the home for Christ. Until the Church takes up the cross, the Home takes up the voice, the Community takes up a crusade and the World takes up the challenge to do as Isaiah 2:4 says "Beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks" — when this is done — in season and out of season, will the Task be Finished.

The Unfinished Task will never cease until there is a determined, courageous, relentless effort on the part of Spiritual Leaders to lead men to a practical recognition of equality of man to man.

We say, "Our communities are in such foul shape and we have to be so careful in this day and time," but what are we as Christians doing about it? Until Christians use their opportunities for neighborliness, our communities will not benefit from the knowledge we have and will never know that Christianity makes a difference. It is one thing to preach love, but it is another thing to put it into practice. For the second of the two greatest Commandments is "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." When we see our communities deteriorating, Do we take a stand? Or do we say, "I can't do everything." This is true; we can't do everything, but do we do what we can? Closing our eyes and passing it by is not the way a Christian meets his obligation. As Christians we must do as the song writer wrote long ago "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."

To help finish the task in the community we must learn to love, trust and help one another. It is going to take all that's been discussed here this week, the Home, School, Church and Community.

I challenge each community represented here tonight to Love Your Neighbors for God's Sake and God for Your Own Sake Who Created All Things for Our Sake and Redeemed us for His Mercy's Sake. If our love hath any other motive, it is self-love. If we neglect our communities, in vain do we profess our love for God; for by our love of God, our love for our communities is acquired, and by our love to our neighbor our love of God is nourished.

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"The Unfinished Task in the Home"

I feel in today's homelife there have been many unfinished tasks in the home. As parents your greatest task is the children God has given you. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way it should go and he will not depart from it." In Deuteronomy, the 6th Chapter 6-7 verses, it says, "And in these words which I command you this day shall be in thine heart and shall teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." And when I looked over these verses, I thought of how many families go from day to day without bringing their families together and saying, "Let's pray or let's read the word of God." Instead our lives are filled with too much confusion: the kids are always watching T.V. and the parents are always fussing about bills or who's going to pay for what, but never taking time to spend time with their kids to talk about Jesus Christ. God wants us to create an atmosphere of worship; this does not mean going to church Sunday after Sunday and then coming back home to the same un-Godly routines. God wants parents to live the life and worship Him from day to day and our children will then recognize the presence of Christ. Parents must see that there has to be an example set in the homes. How can you say to your kids stop fussing among yourselves when that's all they've seen their mother and father do? You have probably heard many parents say, "Do as I say and not as I do." I strictly believe that statement is false, for example if a child walks into a store with his mother or father and sees them stick a candy bar into his pocket, he automatically thinks he or she can do the same.

Yes, there is still an unfinished task. We, as youth, must realize that we play an important role in the homelife. Ephesians, the 6th Chapter, the first through the third verse says, "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right; honour thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long." And as I read obey these verses I saw where I have failed in many areas. I sometimes find myself being disobedient, disrespectful, and also talking back so I had to stop for a minute to ask my parents for forgiveness. A lot of times we feel that we know it all and we do not need their help, but I realized that if it had not been for them I would not have been here today. We sometimes feel that we don't need to ask our parents for forgiveness; we feel as if we've done nothing wrong, but we need to humble ourselves and admit to being disobedient, unkind, and disrespectful. A lot of times youth think that they cannot talk to their parents or that they will never understand what are they are going through. But for myself, I can go to my God and He understands all of my problems.

And in my conclusion, I would like to say to the parents that if you have lived the way God wants you to live before your kids, there is no need to worry about your child going astray.

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"The Interpretation of the Challenge of the Unfinished Task"

In the World Book Dictionary the word "Challenge" is defined as a "call to action." Matthew 28: 19-20 reads, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Host Ghost." Christ was talking to his disciples. That same commission is given to us today as we are challenged to carry God's word to every one. We know Satan will put stumbling blocks in the way. We know we will be faced with those who won't believe, but so was Jesus. John 14:12 reads, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall He do also; and greater works than He do because I go unto my Father."

Immediately following the temptations in the wilderness we are told that Jesus began to carry out his Father's Will by calling others to follow Him. He went from place to place healing the sick; making the blind to see, the lame walk, the dumb talk, and casting out devils. After which He laid down His life for all, but now He lives, and whosoever believeth in Him will be saved.

Luke 24:27 reads, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem." As Jesus descended into heaven he left the task to us. We should lift up our eyes and look on the fields, for they are white to harvest. Matthew 9:37-38 states, "He saith he unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Pray ye, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his harvest. I challenge everyone with prayer and supplication to get in a hurry to tell others about Christ, for time waits for no one. Jesus went, as we say, where the action was, but he went where the action was to heal and to call others to follow Him. I challenge you to use your talent for Christ, to sing, to teach, or to use whatever gift God has given you, for the glory of God. In conclusion I challenge you to the unfinished task of spreading the word of God in the HOME, CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY.

By Chanté Faulkner
St. Davese Baptist Church
Dr. J.B. Crowder, Pastor
Lanes Creek Association

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE



The Rev. Nan Brown, pastor of Mount Level Baptist Church and Organizer of Virginia Women in Ministry was the guest Conference Retreat Preacher. She is a new author, whose first book, "The Patience to Wait," was published in May 1988. She is a devoted mother of five; grandmother of ten; and is married to Deacon Frank Brown. Deacon Brown accompanied her and participated in several workshops. They reside at Kents Store, Va. Some renown speakers of IOWMM were: Rev. Lottie Kee, Union Baptist Church, Durham, NC; Rev. Brenda Roach, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Apex, NC; Rev. Cozelle Wilson, Grove Park Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Kinston, NC; and Rev. Beveraly Walker of Virginia Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY
JUNE 24-25, 1988

The Shaw Divinity School Interdenominational, sisterhood, advocacy group for laywomen and Women in Ministry sponsored the Second Annual Retreat, June 24-25, 1988 on the new campus of the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C.



Swain Receives Doctorate Degree

The Rev. Ronald L. Swain, director of development at Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, wa conferred recently with the Doctor of Education degree at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.



Dr. Ronald Swain

Swain received his undergraduate degree in history at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. He earned graduate degrees at Duquesne; the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC; and the University of North Carolira at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

Swain has held administrative positions in several universities since he began his career in higher education. At Duquesne, North Carolina State University at Raleigh and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill his responsibilities were in the area of student affairs administration.

Swain began work at Shaw University in 1974, serving as university minister for approximately 11 years. At various periods during the same span, held responsibilities in student services and counseling. In 1985, the Durham, North Carolina resident was named special assistant to the president as liaison between the academic and non-academic areas of the university.

In his current position, Swain is primarily responsible for managing external relations and fundraising for the university, including: alumni affairs, church relations, corporate and foundation relations, government relations, and public relations.

During his career, Swain has received a number of honors for exceptional work. Among them are the Charles A. Dana Faculty Improvement Award, made by the United Negro College Fund and an Administrative Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. He has been listed in several directories including the Outstanding Young Men of America; the International Who's Who in Intellectuals; Who's Who Among Black Americans and Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Swain was ordained as a Christian minister at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh. He has pastored several churches in the state of North Carolina and previously served on the General Baptist State Convention's Committee on Christian Higher Education.

In fulfillment of his requirements for the Doctor of Education degree, Swain prepared a dissertation titled, "Strategic Planning for the Use of Computer Technology in Predominantly Black Colleges and Universities." The study investigated strategic planning issues related to the use of computer technology at 107 institutions and concludes that policies and plans must be developed to provide the resources needed to meet the demands of today's technological environment.

A native of Macon, GA, he is married to the former Chrystle Bullock, who is community relations/station affairs manager for the Capital Cities/ABC. Inc. television station WTVD-11 in Durham. Their son, Ronald, is a student at Durham County's Githens Junior High School.

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"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in the School"

We youth must accept "The Challenge of The Unfinished Task in our Schools. "In John 4:34 Jesus explained, "My Nourishment comes from doing the will of God who sent me and finishing his work."

Today as never before in the history of the world, there are tasks confronting all Christians. The task for youth in the schools is especially difficult. We are taught to love our persecutors and to refrain from its opposite of cursing them. It is difficult for youth in school to love someone who has told a lie on them or committed a crime against them. But God commands it and challenges us to fulfill the task. No matter how we feel, we cannot retaliate. We must demonstrate to our peers that we have chosen God's way and try to persuade them to follow the same path.

By repaying evil with loving kindness we may cause an unbeliever in our school to see his guilt and give him a desire to know the believers' source of strength which is the faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are the wave of the future and our school is our battleground to fight for saving of souls.

To spread the way of God among our peers is not easy and we are in constant need of examples of Jesus Christ to help guide us.

Jesus knows better than anyone else in the world how much we all want to be good. But, He also knows that sometimes it is very hard to know just the best thing to do at the right time. Jesus gave the people a sermon to live by; just as he knew the problems of the people sitting in front of him that day on the mountain, he knows our problems also. The principles he gave that day were for all who were willing to be disciples or learners. Each one of the rules he gave began with Blessed, which means happy. They are called the Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted
Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled
Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy
Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

It is Rule 7 that I direct your attention to today — Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. It means that you will be happy if you make peace whenever you can; in other words, Jesus was saying real happiness and contentment come from doing good. Listening to these Beatitudes is fine and knowing them is great, but "practicing" them makes a true believer of the Lord's Words. As youth, if they live by them, they will exemplify Christ in their lives and will be able to help others in school to come to Christ. Where there is hatred we can sow love, where there is confusion bring peace, be forgiving, use kind words, be respectful to all. He tells us to remember our Creator in the days of our youth, Proverbs 3rd chapter, 5 & 6 verses say, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, lean not to thine understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

We must emphasize in our schools that it is time to choose Whom to serve, God or Satan. I beseech all youth to please ask God to come into your life; believe in your heart that Jesus is the Christ and confess it with your mouth and have the faith that God will be with you in all of your endeavors.

I've decided to accept the Challenge of the Unfinished Task — What about you? Tomorrow may be too late.

Let us pray. . .

Dear Lord Jesus, wise and forgiving, help me never to judge people unkindly. You were always merciful and understanding, and when people were ashamed and sorry you forgave them.

Forgive me too when I do wrong things that I am ashamed of. And help me to forgive others when they also do wrong things and are ashamed and sorry. Let me never cast a stone at anyone.

Amen
Rebecca L. White
Elizabeth Baptist Church
Dr. J.H. Ferguson, Pastor

Dr. V.E. Brown Receives Degree

The Rev. Dr. V.E. Brown, Pastor of The Gethsemane Baptist Church, 906 S. Roxboro Street, Durham, N.C. 27707 was recently awarded an Honorary Doctor degree in Humane Letters in Education from The United Christian College of Goldsboro, N.C. (May 6, 1988).

Rev. Brown has held pastorate with The Gethsemane Baptist Church since February 1962. He accepted the pastorate when the congregation was in the basement and completed the sanctuary in 1962 by November and had fifteen years to pay the loan and paid same in twelve years; and in the last two years he has led the congregation to build an addition at a cost of $115,000.00 on a pay as you go plan, and the addition is complete and the church is debt free.

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8 Woman's State Convention Program Committee, 12 noon Conference Room

15 Shaw Divinity School Conference on Economic Empowerment, Raleigh, N.C.

24-27 General Baptist State Convention Fall Session, Greater St. Paul, Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.

NOVEMBER 1988

5 Youth Evangelism Conf. Woman's Convention (placed to be announced)

7 World Day of Prayer (BWA — Woman's Department)

12 Usher's Workshop Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

17 Shaw Divinity School Semi-Annual Trustee Meeting, Raleigh, N.C.

19 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters

19 Woman's State Convention Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m., Conf. Room

24 THANKSGIVING DAY

1988 All Baptist Assembly Is Historic Success
(GBSC Setting the Direction for the 1990s)

By Rev. K. Ray Hill,
Contributing Editor

Winston-Salem, N.C. — The 1988 All Baptist Assembly was a historic success and session filled with spirit and fellowship. Convention President Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Executive Treasurer Dr. C.C. Craig, GBSC and Dr. P.A. Brodie, WBH&FMC along with the Presidents and Officers of Auxiliaries led an outstanding Assembly Session. The Program was a "fellowship and joy divine." Over 5,000 General Baptist attended the week of Assembly sessions which convened July 25-28, 1988 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. The Convention theme was: THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP, John 4:34-35.

Introduction

The All Baptist Assembly began as the All Baptist Conclave, August 1940 in Raleigh, N.C. and has continued. Highlights include: In 1942 General Baptist came together to celebrate the 75th birthday of the Convention. In 1949 the Assembly emphasized the "Baptist Headquarters Building Fund," which had been launched three years previously. In 1954 the Assembly was a celebration of the new Baptist Headquarters Building which was the only one of its kind for Black Baptist in the country. The 1980 Assembly too was considered one of the best ever. North Carolina General Baptist has a long history of Convention innovation and spiritual vision.

Convention Musical

The Convention began with an outstanding and inspiring Pre-Convention Musical led by the churches of Winston-Salem and vicinity. The program was coordinated by local ministers and several local musicians. The audience of over 1,000 persons applauded, witnessed, and rejoiced as the mass community choir sang a range of musical selections. This concert helped to set the stage for one of the most successful Baptist Assemblies in the history of the GBSC.

Convention Sessions

Each morning the WBH&FMC began the Assembly sessions with an Early Morning Prayer Hour. These sessions of devotion, prayer, and meditation were very moving and spiritual. On Monday, July 24, the Reverend Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church-West, Charlotte, N.C. called the historic Assembly session to order. Dr. Humphrey has been one of the most respected and loved Presidents in the history of the GBSC. His administration has been encouraged Convention harmony and unity.

The opening session was highlighted by a sermon by Dr. W.B. Lewis Pastor of Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. and Vice President at Large of the GBSC. Dr. Lewis was well received by the Convention messengers.

Monday afternoon featured individual Auxiliary Sessions. The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, the Laymen's League, The Ushers Convention, The Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress began their stewardship work. (See the Convention Special Section of the **Informer** for highlights of some of these sessions). The major event of Monday was the Woman's Convention Assembly Banquet. The banquet was an outstanding success. Dr. Luella Edwards, President of the WBH&FMC and Dr. P.A. Brodie, Executive Treasurer were beautiful hosts and banquet leaders. I was very impressed by the quality of the program and the amount of planning that made the banquet such a success. The Reverend Dr. F.J. Boddie, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newport News, Va. was the banquet speaker. Dr. Boddie commended the WBH&FMC for its long record of mission leadership in America. His speech encouraged and inspired those in attendance. (See next month's **Informer** for a full report on the WBH&FMC sessions).

The Monday sessions ended with the late night Evangelism services at New Bethel Baptist Church where Dr. Jerry Drayton is pastor. The Rev. J. Walter Hill, Pastor of Rock Hill Baptist Church Asheville, NC gave an anointed message of hope and assurance.



Convention Musical directed by Daw W. Andrews, Jr. and James Benjamin Kenchen, Jr. Musical featured singers from choirs of Winston-Salem and vicinity.



President Humphrey presides at President's Banquet, calls for Unity, Love and Fellowship during Assembly Session.

Tuesday Morning's Assembly session was presided over by the Rev. Dr. J.Z. Windley, 2nd Vice President of the GBSC. The session was opened with devotion and adult workshop lectures by Dr. J.Z. Alexander, a Professor at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. and youth lectures by Ms. Gerrye Griffin of the WBH&FMC.

The morning session was highlighted by the Local Program sponsored by the Rev. Dr. John Mendez, and the Emmanual Baptist Church which served as our Convention host (see Convention Special pages 12-16). The program was concluded by greetings from Mr. Benjamin Ruffin an Executive Officer of the Reynolds Nabisco Company and a General Baptist himself. Mr. Ruffin reflected on his life as a General Baptist and thanked the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. for helping to make his career a success. Mr. Ruffin encouraged the Convention constituency to keep the faith to continue their leadership in local, state, and national affairs. Mr. Ruffin received his greatest response when he reminded the audience "that we have come this far by faith leaning on the Lord." Others on the program included the mayor of Winston-Salem, local council person, Dr. Walter Parrish of the American Baptist Convention, and Dr. Thompson, Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University.

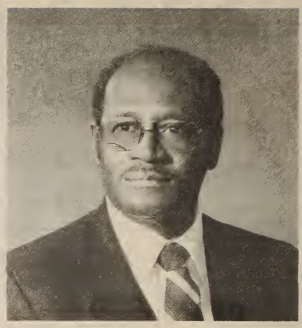
The afternoon session was highlighted by the Usher's Convention session (see Convention Special page 13). Mr. Felton Davis presided and the Usher President Mr. Cleveland Griffin a member of the New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. gave his annual address and presented certificates to those churches that had met their quotas for supporting the auxiliary.

The Tuesday evening session was led by the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Session which was presided over by Mrs. Elizabeth

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother pastors, moderators, presidents, other Christian leaders and members of the Baptist Fellowship:

Many thanks to all of you for the support and cooperation that so many of you have given during the past fiscal year, 1987-88. When all of your reports are completed, I am sure that they will show a big growth over last year in our financial giving. We have many pastors on the list of our "midnight friends" and the list is growing. We are putting forth every effort to make friends for our convention.

We have been about the business of promoting the plans and program of the convention. We are also, about the business of motivating our pastors to lead their churches to give to the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, State Missions, Foreign Missions and the Children's Home.

We need current support for State Missions which enables us to meet our monthly obligations. As I have reported to you before, we need more than forty thousand dollars per month for State Missions in order to operate. Therefore, it is urgent that each pastor put forth an effort to send a monthly contribution for State Missions along with a contribution for the other objectives.

As we well know that the end of one thing is the beginning of another. As we close the fiscal year 1987-88 and begin a new fiscal year 1988-89, it is my prayers and hope that as the Lord blesses our work that we will dedicate ourselves to do more for the objectives. The truth is, it does not yet appear that we can do if we would permit the Lord to use us along with our resources.

The two days session of our General Baptist State Convention will be held on October 25-26 (Tuesday and Wednesday) at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, Dr. W.T. Bigelow is the host pastor.

We will give an account for our work during the fiscal year 1987-88 and receive directions from our convention in regard to plans and programs for future growth and development.

We encourage all of our pastors, moderators, lay leaders and members to make plans now to attend the session.

VACANT PULPITS

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First Baptist Church, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina is seeking a full-time pastor. Candidates must be:

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5. Willing to relocate to Raleigh;
6. Minimum education — Master of Divinity.

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Mail to: First Baptist Church, Mrs. Charles Powell, Chairman Pulpit Committee, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

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4. Preferably between the ages of 30-45 years old;
5. Willing to relocate to Asheville;
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(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Thank You All For Making 1988 All Baptist Assembly A Success



Charlotte — I want to thank the officers, members, and friends of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. for making our 1988 All Baptist Assembly a historic success. I want to thank Secretary Treasurer Dr. C.C. Craig, GBSC and Dr. P.A. Brodie, WBH&FMC for their sacrifices and hard work, they both went the extra mile to make the Assembly a success. I also commend our headquarters staff for their commitment and service. Along with the many volunteers that gave their time providing assistance and help.

Special commendations go to the Reverend Dr. John Mendez and the Emmanuel Baptist Church who served as our host for the week along with the moderators, pastors and churches of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and vicinity. I also thank Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church for opening his doors for our evangelism services the spirit and fellowship was encouraging.

I want to thank God for the support and spiritual fellowship I received from GBSC officers and the auxiliary presidents: Dr. W..B. Lewis, Vice Presidents-at-Large; Dr. John Mendez, 1st Vice President; Dr. J.Z. Windley, 2nd Vice President; Dr. Charles Tyner, 3rd Vice President; Dr. Charles Bullock, 4th Vice President; Dr. Luella Edwards, President of the WBH&FMC; Mr. Cleveland Griffin, President of the Laymen's League; Mrs. Hazel McLean, Dean of our Convention Congress and Mr. Cedric Jones, President of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.

OUR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

The 1988 All Baptist Assembly was a spiritual success. God blessed us all in a real and special way. We had outstanding workshops, lectures and sermons. The local program sponsored by Emmanuel Baptist Church helped to set the theme (PLEASE SEE THE GREETINGS BY DR. MAYO ANGELO page 3 which was one of many filled with spiritual presence). The Psalmist was prophetic when he wrote in Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

There was a corporate convenant of love and unity at the 1988 Assembly. It was good to be in the number one more time. In God's wise providence the GBSC moved to fulfill its MISSION and PURPOSE as guided by HIM who called us together in this HOLY FELLOWSHIP.

OUR MISSIONARY SUCCESS

Officers of the GBSC reported on the 1987-88 Missionary Work. Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the GBSC had an outstanding and dynamic report. Other Convention Officers gave their yearly reports. The GBSC continues to foster and support worthy missionary objective; for example, Shaw University, Foreign Mission, Shaw Divinity School, Central Children's Home, State Mission, and the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. Our work to effectively support the gospel ministry and to enhance our Christian Ordinances also has increased. The numbers of General Baptist continue to rise. We have had an increase in new churches and denomination membership.

OUR STEWARDSHIP SUCCESS

We thank God for our commitment of Stewardship. The GBSC still leads State Missionary Baptist Conventions in giving to causes of Mission and Christian Education in America and abroad. we give GOD the GLORY. During our 1988 Baptist Assembly the GBSC, WBH&FMC and other Auxiliaries report of financial stewardship was over $164,000. Thank you for all your gifts to the up building of the kingdom of God.

Although successful God is not finished with us yet. There are still voices crying in the wilderness of life that need God's help. There are still unsaved persons that are looking for the Saviour. There are still unwed teenaged mothers who need love. There are still drug abusers that need compassion. There is still oppression in the land of the free. There is still sickness in a world of health care. There is still apartheid in South Africa, our homeland. There is still confusion, fussing, and fighting in the church. No, our work is not over yet; we won a battle during the 1988 All Baptist Assembly for God but we must press toward the mark of our HIGHER CALLING. We must continue to reach beyond the here and now. We must continue to march to a different drum beat. We must, more than ever, heed the WORD of our LORD AND SAVIOUR and go into all the world telling the story that there is HOPE, there is a BRIGHT SIDE SOMEWHERE. there is already VICTORY IN JESUS. May God be with you all.



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

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"What A Time"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

There is an old song by the title, "What A Time." It continues — "When all God's children get together What a time, What a time, What a time." These words can express very well the feelings of many of the people in attendance at the All Baptist Assembly and the 104th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention just last month. There were singing, preaching, teaching, giving, reporting, speaking, fellowshipping, exchanging, and worshipping. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and seen as He motivated and energized the congregation and program participants. "What A Time!"

"What A Time" we should have in our local situations if we were involved wholly and sacrificially in the unfinished task of missions. Though we have come to the end of another fiscal year, our task is not finished and shall not be finished until we have ceased to live here on our terrestrial plane.

To Emmanuel Baptist Church, Reverend John Mendez, other churches in the area and pastors, we are grateful for your congenial services as hosts.

The progress financial report for the first 10 months of the 1987-88 fiscal year showed that $330,864.14 had been received toward the goal of $487,401.00 for our missions' budget. A balance of approximately $156,536.86 is now needed to realize the budget. "What A Time" if we give so that we can realize this balance by August 31 and share with the objectives who depend on us for tangible caring, inclusive of Shaw, Shaw Divinity, Foreign Missions, Central Children's Home, Baptist Assembly, and State Missions.

The proposed 1987-88 Budget is $517,955.30. "What a challenge to give!"

WBH&FMC New Leaders

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie

During the 104th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention and the All Baptist Assembly, Mrs. Julias McDonald, Y.A. Director, and Mrs. Elfreida Brooks, Youth Supervisor, retired because of tenure. Both of these persons were committed to their service in the missions experience and received recognition from the Convention.

These ladies' successors are Mrs. Colene Stanley, Y.A. Director, and Mrs. Barbara Hewett, Youth Supervisor. Mrs. Stanley is former executive director of Three County Community Action Agency and associate director of the Young Adult Department of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Among her many affiliations are the Columbus County Mental Health Association, Columbus County Chapter NAACP, Columbus County Youth Task Force, and Columbus County Agricultural Extension. She holds a B.A. degree in Behavioral Science from Shaw University, Raleigh.

Mrs. Stanley is a member of Little Wheel of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where she has served or serves as a Sunday School teacher, Senior Choir member, and finance secretary.

Mrs. Stanley, a widow, is the mother of two children; Mrs. Hazel Forbes, Raleigh, and Pryce Baldwin, Raleigh, and the grandmother of five grandchildren.

Mrs. Barbara Hewett, a graduate of St. Augustine College, Raleigh, with a B.A. degree in elementary education, is a teacher in the Brunswick County School System. Among her many affiliations are the NCAE-ACT, **The Brunswick Beacon Newspaper** and Christian Children's Fund, Inc. She also has a radio program.

She is a member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Supply, where she serves as teacher for the Young People's Class.

Mrs. Hewett, the wife of Lafton Hewett, is the mother of three children: Reginald Hewett, Remontia D. Hewett, and Rose C. Hewett.



Mrs. Barbara Hewett



Mrs. Colene B. Stanley

Family Missions Conference

Please plan to attend the Ninth Annual Family Missions Conference on Saturday, September 24, 1988, at First Calvary, Salisbury, Reverend Leamon Brown, Pastor.

The Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. There will be separate sessions for seniors, young adults, and youth and also a joint session.

It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including family allowances. It's your choice, but why not give and see how God blesses those who give His way?

All individual and associated families and other persons are invited to attend. Let us come to be reminded and even learn anew what is Christian stewardship in relation to the family and her revival according to the will of God through Jesus Christ.

"What A Time!" "What A Time" when we all assume our God giving positions and use our spiritual gifts as Christian stewards, producing more "fruit and fewer leaves," lifting our "vision beyond our context," and "filling ourselves with Jesus Christ and not ourselves!"

Tar River Missionary Baptist Association Woman's Auxiliary

The Tar River Missionary Baptist Association Woman's Auxiliary has been instrumental in several activities recently.

#1 — Meal for Mission Banquet

The Woman's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Dollene T. Eatmon, President, recently held its 7th Annual Meal for Mission Banquet. The evening began with the audience singing "Lift Him Up." The Welcome was given by the 1st Vice President, Mrs. Doretha Cooper and Rev. Wayne Hines, Vice Moderator introduced the Head Table.

Greetings were from Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice President at Large, General Baptist State Convention and Mr. Michael Alston, Executive Director, Central Children's Home, Oxford, N.C.

The Rev. Norman T. Davis, Pastor, Bazzell Creek Baptist Church gave the Invocation followed by Grace.

Our soloists were Rev. C.J. LeMay, Moderator at Large, Mrs. Faye O'Neal Hinton and Mr. Frederick L. Hicks.

Mrs. Durema W. Carpenter, 2nd

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Bookkeeper Needed

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to GBSC, is accepting applications for a Bookkeeper. Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

— Have a good working knowledge of accurate bookkeeping
— Have sufficient knowledge of computer operations
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— Have an associate or college degree in bookkeeping and/or accounting

For further information and application forms, please write to: The Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

EDITORIALS

"The Dungeon's Cry"

By Phil and Helen Martinez
Prison Evangelists

(The story you're about to read is very hard-hitting for the World because it destroys ALL the theories of the World and its experts that people get to be hopeless. And even though at times it may seem so, we Do know that our Lord made us all alike and that He and He alone is the only one that can regenerate, change and clean people. The experts surely CANNOT and have failed every time. [This episode reflects that even the worse person has feelings, fears, anxieties and deep, very deep emotions, even love. But the trouble is a World that you can't do anything about: Only JESUS.])

From the witness stand: Helen and I lock ourselves inside his maximum security unit where we have lots and lots of "cannon men" (gangs hit men) and one gang leader rushes towards me saying, "Rev, won't you talk to one of my men? His mother just died and I thought you could talk to him and pray with him and see if you can help him, please." "Of course, be glad to" I responded. "Where is he?" And he points to the man's cell and shortly I am sitting next to him. As he begins explaining, he began crying for "his mother died. You see, she came to my trial and when she heard my sentencing she was so brokenhearted that she couldn't stop crying." And he continues, in between sobs, "She went home and late that evening she still couldn't stop crying and had to be rushed to the hospital where she died." And here we see how a ruthless "gang banger" is broken down in tears. The "human being" inside of him just came out. This took place in front of the whole unit (about 75 men) tearing-up his macho-tough stud mask WITHOUT any regards to the consequences. Yes, even those have sensitive feelings "somewhere" believe it or not! His future with the gangs now? Bleak, very, very bleak, because his tough and hard image got whipped out.

"She died of stress and distress the doctor said. She died because of me" he stated. And continues to cry as he says that his father came to see him and told him that they were taking the body back to Texas that day and that the whole family was moving from Chicago. "My father said that they would send me a picture of my mother in the casket for me to see" and this further aggravates his remorse and sorrow. The gang leader kept on looking and hanging very close, trying to hear what was going on between us. And the Spirit moves me, and after praying with the man, I am led to go after the leader, to challenge him with the Word of God as he TOO was awaiting sentencing for "two murder raps" and we have been ministering to his loving mother also. But the Spirit also moved Helen to back me up because the strong seed I had planted in the crying man. And she sat next to him, and I realized that this young man had been endorsed to Helen by the Lord and not to me, and the spiritual warfare is on! I continue to engage the gang leader and Helen the crying man, until finally the Lord is victorious and the sinner's prayer is said as Helen led the man to the Lord in front of everyone! Glory to God, oh yes, GLORY TO GOD!

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See Nicaragua — Again

By Evelyn Mattern, SFCC
Franklinton, N.C.

I recently went to Nicaragua to visit a Nicaraguan sister, a member of my religious community who works for the government there as an agricultural engineer. Potatoes are her specialty. She is also trained to work with small farmers who plant rice, beans, yccua, tomatoes, coffee, and tobacco, the major subsistence and export crops in her rural area. Living in Esteli, one of the five or six cities in Nicaragua (it feels about the size of Benson), she travels to the surrounding countryside or **campo** on a truck to meet with the farmers who need her help.

Last year she was kidnapped by the **contras** and made to watch the torture of others traveling with her. Within the last ten weeks there have been two verified **contra** raids in her area, and always there are rumors of more. Marina is tense much of the time.

Compared with the country I've known in previous visits, Nicaragua too is tense — and hungry. The United States' low-intensity war (economic embargo and military attacks on clinics, farms and civilians traveling the roads) has taken its toll on an inherently gracious and easy-going people. Scarcity is the first evidence. Managua has more cars abandoned for lack of spare parts than all other Central American capitals combined. Throughout the country are too few buses, many of them antiques, for too many people.

Most Latin American countries would say the same, but in Nicaragua the transportation shortage has reached the crisis level. Although there may be no standing room left, bus drivers hesitate to keep people from boarding because they know there are no alteratives for getting home or to work. "Men on top" is the common cry when a bus stops to pick up passengers, and that means every male over the age of ten will ride on the roof of the tottering vehicle, along with baskets of vegetables, bound pigs, and bales of whatever else may be going to or coming from market. Children hang out door and windows, or they hop perilously onto similarly overcrowded trucks and pick-ups. I saw two serious traffic accidents in two days, both of them eminently predictable from the condition of the vehicles and the distraction of a harried people.

In case Nicaraguan passengers should fail to notice there's a war on, Nicaraguan consumers can't. Although Managua sits ona large lake, because the war has scared so many people in from the countryside, there is no water for the increased population two days a week. And the electricty goes off at 8:30 p.m. Since many women have to work outside the home, the difficulties involved in keeping house and children clean can't be overemphasized. Having scrambled hard to put food on the table, just as parents are about to do dishes or get the children to do homework or wash up before bed, the water goes off and the lights go out. Parents are always exhausted, and famliy life suffers.

Meals, on the other hand, are simplified by the scarcity. Fruit is available, and a few vegetables, but the beans and rice crop were wiped out by a drought this year, and economic pressure from the U.S. has made it hard for other countries to trade with Nicaragua. The war has also come to mean that 70% of the Nicaraguan budget now goes to support the defense effort, so there is not much left over for buying food. In the open air markets where most people buy, bread is expensive because of the lack of flour in the country. Meat is rare in the diet of the majority, and most children never see milk.

The only things available in March in the **supermercado**, where the middle class buys, were Cuban rum, canned Soviet sardines, Nabisco crackers, and rat poison. My hostess in Managua made supper one night a real treat in my honor: tomatoes, "socialist sardines," and bananas.

One day I re-visited a cafeteria that in 1981 and 1983 had been crowded with patrons eating sandwiches and **gallo pinto**, the Nicaraguan version of the Central American rice and beans staple. In 1988 it was open but nearly empty, with only a few portions for sale. Although I was hungry, my friend and I ordered only one portion to share. One learns quickly to be sensitive to the fact that most Nicaraguans, at home or in public, take less than they need or want to eat, out of deference to others.

The only way to be sure of standing room on a bus out of Managua is to leave at 3 a.m. We did so and shared the four hour pre-dawn ride to Esteli with **campeinos**, government workers, mothers with babies, students, and soldiers returning to the front from the Managua hospital, some of them with crutches and prostheses, their urine bags strapped to their legs, some of them carrying their x-rays, and none of them more than 25 years old. I talked with a Spanish nurse in the mental health unit of the military hospital and asked her what keeps these young men and women going. "They are highly motivated to get back to the front and save their country from the United States," she said. "They will never give up."

Near Esteli I went with Marina to visit a grade school and new preschool, built before the war intensified. There were few books, but enough teachers and many lively students, even though the school's director lamented that most were able to eat only one meal a day, with perhaps a tortilla before they came to school. As youngsters clapped out the syllables of the new words they were learning, I moved from classroom to classroom, reading at the top of each blackboard the handwritten phrase, "Para paz con digna, Patria libre o mori!" (For peace with dignity, a free country or death!) We also visited a rural clinic where two Northamerican volunteers, a doctor and a nurse, were working. Most of the illnesses they treat are directly attributable to malnutrition, they said, and they fear for what will happen six months from now when the currently small supply of beans and rice runs out.

Marina's house is often visited by

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From The "Baptist Informer"

Bookshelf

By Mrs. Susie Jones Drayton



STOP NOW AND TAKE A LOOK AT FOUR REASONS WHY You will definitely want to include the recently published book *The Color Of God* explaining the concept of God in Afro-American Thought, by Major J. Jones, on your TOP PRIORITY reading list for 1988:

WHO: Dr. Major J. Jones is chaplain for the Atlanta University Center Library. He served as a United Methodist pastor and district superintendent for more than 25 years and was President of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta for 18 years until his retirement in 1985. He holds an A.B. from Clark College in Atlanta and a Th. D. in theology from Boston University. He is a widely traveled lecturer and author of national note.

WHAT: In the above book, Dr. Jones sets forth a fresh new approach to theology that has caused master theologians to take a closer look at Black Theology "as a necessary part of the complete theologizing process."

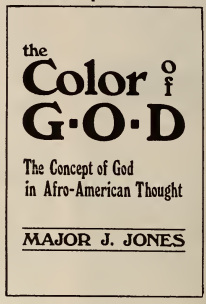
WHY: Dr. Jones concludes in his gripping book: "It was the work of God and Christ through the Holy Spirit that kept Black people of faith in the spirit of truth about themselves." Dr. Jones contends further in his doctrine of God — written to make God more intelligible and understandable— that God was in Christ actually experiencing what it means not only to be human but even to be black and oppressed. In this sense, he identifies God with human experience through Jesus Christ, thus making more meaningful the Black spiritual: "God Knows Just How Much We Can Bear."

This book, unlike many other theologies or doctrines of God, is written from a person who is a product of the Black Church. Thus, he writes out of the experience of having been a member of the Black Church, having been a pastor and having been a theological educator with primary responsibilities for training Black preachers to pastor Black churches. This book is being hailed as priority reading for both Black and White pastors for being able to understand God more indigenously relates to the human situation.

To read this book is to make one who is Black or White more conscious of relating his or her color to the concept of God; because Dr. Jones' book is insisting that the relevancy of God's revelation identifies God with the color of the person to whom his address is directed.

WHERE: You can order *The Color Of God* from Mercer Univeristy Press in Macon, Georgia 31207.
PRICES: PAPERBACK $14.95
HARDBACK $29.95
Postage is included in each of the above prices.

This is a condensed picture of the cover of Dr. Jones' book:



This Review was proudly prepared by:
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And sister of Dr. Major J. Jones

Some Thoughts on Gerontology And The Church

By Dr. Elbert Lee, Rocky Mount, N.C.

1. There seems to be little understanding of this rapidly developing and increasingly important field by many church leaders —

2. There are numerous ways the church can assist in developing and administering programs in this field after adequate education.

3. The black church especially needs extended education in the total human development on the progression of age —

4. Always Christianity has been concerned with the total growth and development of man in all of his aspects —

5. As a teacher, researcher or program administrator of gerontology, and its varied applied social programs, I can see a need to study human development in all aspects and in all human cultures.

6. Specifically, the church may consider the following approaches to problems of total human development.

A. Courses/workshops/for ministers/laymen

B. Organizing/Cooperation/Volunteers/Financial Support/Senior Citizens/Centers, Clubs, Activities, Programs/Communications.

C. Affiliation/Participation/Matriculation/Scientific Gerontology Organizations —

D. Study/Support/Legislation concerning total human development —

E. Encouragement of Participation in Physical/Mental Fitness Programs on the individual level —

(For information about workshops, and written material or gerontology write: Dr. Elbert Lee, 1121 Sandona Circle, Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801, 919/446-7728)

Mattern Editorial (Continued from page 5)

people coming for solace or prayers: health care workers afraid to travel the country roads, parents whose children are fighting with the militia, a woman whose sister lives in Honduras and heard rumors the government there had recently massacred some foreigners. Despite their stress, no one looked askance at me as a Northamerican whose government is causing most of their problems. Although the Nicaraguan papers covered "Super Tuesday" extensively, no one I talked to expected our elections to end U.S. pressure on them. Their hope is in the Central American peace process, and Oscar Arias is almost as popular as Daniel Ortega among them.

On my last day in Nicaragua, Marina and I re-visited the Museum for Heroes and Martyrs that commemorates the young people of the town of Masaya who gave their lives in 1978-79 in the revolt against the dictator Somoza. This time it gave me the same feeling I had at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. The gallery of high school photos of the children who threw stones and Molotov coctails at Somoza's private army, samples of their home made weapons and of their old clothes often imitative of U.S. styles, letters to their parents apologizing for a three day absence without greetings: these are the things that heroes and martyrs are made of. These are the relics of a dead generation, the older brothers and sisters of those who now fight those holdovers from Somoza, the U.S. funded **contras.**

I believe that Northamericans who have seen and felt the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are more likely than others to prevent another Vietnam from happening to our youth. I wish that all Northamericans could see the Museum of Heroes and Martyrs in Masaya, could see in fact the whole of suffering Nicaragua today. If they could, I think our war against that country would end.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

The personal contact with Baptists from across the length and breadth of North Carolina at the recent All-Baptist Assembly was one of those memorable experiences not soon forgotten. Shaking hands, engaging in conversation, and worshipping with so many people brought me in close proximity to the will and purpose of the Baptist forces in North Carolina.

I am personally indebted to the convention leadership for providing a forum for me to tell the Shaw story and to reiterate what has been heard so many times before: **the Baptists/Shaw relations**. The general response to my presence and appeal was excellent.

Now that the excitement of the fellowship is waning, it is time for us to turn our attention wholeheartedly to the work so vividly and picturesquely stated in the theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task — Christian Stewardship."

One of the major emphases of our unfinished stewardship task should be education. While education may not be the panacea for all of our problems, without it there is no stake for us in the future. Already we are feeling the pangs of understressing education. More of our young men are in prisons than in colleges. While the unemployment rate goes down for the general public, unemployment statistics remain too high in the African-American community. Inadequate housing, high illness, infant mortality rate and many other ailments and problems have a high correlation with our educational problems.

Churches, by their very nature, are concerned about improving the lot of humankind. Supporting and promoting black higher education is an unfinished task of our Christian stewardship. It demands our time, our talent, our energy and our material possession.

Shaw University, a Baptist-related college and proud of it, calls on our Baptist Churches in North Carolina, the leadership and the laity of those churches to accept the challenge of Christian Stewardship as an Unfinished task, and to work diligently, especially as that task applies to higher education, to meet that challenge.

Let me call to your attention again that Shaw is in the process now of building an endowment fund. An endowment is invested money. **It is money making money.** No school can move toward financial stability and security without a good endowment. Our present endowment goal is to raise **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** that will bring to us two million dollars from the federal government.

At the same time, we must take care of current expenses, of the day-to-day cost of operation. That is a never-ending task, but it is one in which the burden can be erased and the crisis moments experienced so many times in the past can be eliminated. That can be accomplished through **systematic** and regular giving on the part of our benefactors.

You, the Baptist Churches of North Carolina, represent one of Shaw University's major benefactors. We know your works and thank you for what you have done. But we cannot rest on our laurels as long as the task is unfinished. Please join us in our effort to restore Shaw to its former glory and to make it an institution of higher learning second to none. It can be done! The challenge of the unfinished task of Christian Stewardship demands that we do it.

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Scholarship in the First Degree

By Sonya Jackson

On Nov. 20, 1981, Sally M. Holloman went to prison for the murders of her husband and a Selma businessman. On Friday, Ms. Holloman graduated summa cum laude from Shaw University.

Ms. Holloman, serving two concurrent life sentences, was one of three inmates who received bachelor's degrees in behavioral science through a program at the N.C. Correctional Center for Women. Six other women earned associate of arts degrees.

"At one time in my life, I thought that life was really negative," Ms. Holloman, 44, said in an interview. "I honestly thought there was no hope, especially for someone in this environment.

"Now I've come to realize that with an education, I can set goals and do what I want in life," said Ms. Holloman, who earned a 3.9 grade point average and several awards.

The graduation ceremony marked the first time that state inmates have earned four-year degrees within prison walls. Along with Ms. Holloman, Dean T. Darroch and Barbara J. Williams received bachelor's degrees. Sherry K. Bright, Cecelia W. Gray, Susan P. Laws, Amanda Penley and Gwendolyn F. Wharton received two-year associate degrees.

In a ceremony at the correctional center attended by about 60 people, mostly from the prison and university, the inmates were praised for their dedication.

Shaw's president, Talbert O. Shaw, told the graduates that their experience was like a long road with curves, bumps and hills.

"The circumstances that brought you to this institution were curves, or breaks in the equipment," Shaw said. "Today, you are saying to the world that you are repairing that equipment."

The degrees were awarded through the Center for Alternative Programs in Education operated by Shaw. Shaw instructors teach courses at the correctional center.

"They're some of the best students that I have had in my teaching career, and I've taught at many colleges and universities," said John R. Maben, associate professor of psychology.

Freshman Rochelle Daniel, serving a sentence for second-degree murder, received an award for having a grade-point average above 3.75.

"When you come through the [prison] gates, you lose all of your self-esteem and motivation," Miss Daniel said in an interview. "I think before I came in here I was subconsciously geared to fail. Now I know that I can achieve things if I just try."

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Makes $50,000 Grant to Shaw University

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation on May 13, 1988 awarded Shaw University a grant of $50,000 for the enhancement of its Development Office.

Specifically, funds from the grant will be used to computerize the University's donor data base, to conduct research and to develop marketing materials in connection with the current Endowment Campaign. Shaw University is presently engaged in a campaign to raise $1 million to match a $2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Endowment Challenge Program.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a trust for the benefit of the people of North Carolina. In recent years the Reynolds Foundation has focused its attention on improving the criminal justice system in North Carolina, on strengthening public elementary and secondary education, on preserving the environment and on issues that impact on minorities and women.

In accepting and responding to the grant, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, stated, "This investment in Shaw's effort to provide educational opportunities for able and willing, but needy students, shall provide lasting results."

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For Admissions and Information

Shaw Divinity School — NEWS

To: New, Returning, and Re-Admitted Students
Shaw Divinity School
From: Larkin Rossitter
Acting Dean of Academic Affairs
Subject: Registration Procedures and Other Pertinent Data
Date: July 26, 1988

General Information

Official registration for new, returning, and re-admitted students of The Shaw Divinity School will be conducted Saturday, August 27, and Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30-31 and Thursday-Saturday, September 1-3 (see schedule on third page). Persons registering after these dates must register during office hours. THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR FALL SEMESTER CLASSES WILL BE ON September 10, 1988. Classes will begin on September 3.

Students registering are required to pay a minimum of $150.00 at the time of registration regardless of the course load.

We prefer that the registration fee for all students be paid by cash, cashier's check, money order, or check(s) from a church or credible organization or business. Personal checks must be approved by the president or the executive vice-president.

Fall Semester Payments

1st Payment — $150 at time of registration
2nd Payment — $150 on or before October 8
3rd Payment — $150 on or before November 12
Final Payment — $150 on or before December 10

Tuition

Tuition is $600 per semester; or $200 per three credit hour course.

Financial Matters

All money orders or checks for tuition and fees should be made payable to The Shaw Divinity School and taken or mailed directly to the cashier's office. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL!!! Mail to: P.O. Box 2090, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

NOTE: **NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO REGISTER BY MAIL!!**

All charges are due and payable at the beginning of each semester. If this is not possible, students must adhere to the payment schedule as listed.

Financial Assistance

All financial assistance will be offered this academic year in the form of work-study grants. **Returning students must re-apply if they wish to be considered for the Fall and Spring Semesters.** (Please note: Financial Aid applications are valid for the Fall & Spring Semester of the designated academic year. Students must re-apply for the Summer Semester.)

Shaw Divinity School Office Hours

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at the following address and/or telephone number(s):

The Shaw Divinity School, 509 Hilltop Drive, Raleigh, N.C. — 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Academic Affairs: (919) 832-1971.
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**PLEASE NOTE: Those students who have past due library books will not be able to register until they have returned all books and paid the required fee for overdue books. This includes overdue books and late fees at Southeastern Seminary's Library.

Registration Schedule

August 27	Saturday	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
August 30	Tuesday	12:00 noon-8:00 p.m.
August 31	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
September 1	Thursday	12:00 noon-8:00 p.m.
September 2	Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
September 3 & 7	Saturday	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Late Registration

September 13-15	Tuesday-Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
September 17	Saturday	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Saturday registrations will be held in the Social Hall at the new site, 509 Hilltop Drive. All other days of registration will be held in the Academic Affairs Office on the main (2nd) floor in the East Wing at the new site.

Shaw Divinity School

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Class Schedule For The Shaw Divinity School

Master of Divinity Fall Semester, 1988-89

Class Periods (Sat.)
FIRST: 7:30-10:10 a.m.
SECOND: 10:20-1:00 p.m.
LUNCH: 1:00-1:45 p.m.
CHAPEL: 1:45-2:20 p.m.
THIRD: 2:30-5:10 p.m.

Semester: Sept. 3-Dec. 20, except for Nov. 24-26

Course#	Course Description	Time	Cred. Hrs.	Day(s)	Room	Professor
B 603	Survey of the New Testament I	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	30	Alexander
T 643	Systematic Theology I	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	36	Rossitter
PM 787	General Bapt. State Conv.	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Sem.	Bullock
PM 500	Colloquium in Practical Theo.	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	32	Headen
B 501	Survey of the Old Testament I	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	36	Rossitter
S 700	Thesis Seminar I	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Sem.	Kirkley
PM 560	Homiletics (Preaching) I	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	32	Davis
PM 584	Music in Christian Worship	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Chpl.	Jordan-Williams
PM 783	Worship	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	33	Davis
PX 501	Christian Education	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	35	Henderson
PR 520	Black Ch. in Econ. & Pol. Emp.	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	30	Paige
B 501	Survey of the Old Testament I	1:30 p.m.	3	Tues./Thurs.	Sem.	Rossitter
PC 503	Health and Human Services	3:00 p.m.	3	Tues./Thurs.	Sem.	Jackson/Dickson
B 600	Biblical Hebrew I	4:30 p.m.	3	Tues./Thurs.	Sem.	TBA
PF 502	*Supervised Min. in Instit. Context	7:00-10:00 p.m.	3	Tues.	Dix	Franks
PM 789	United Church of Christ Polity	7:00-10:00 p.m.	3	Thurs.	Sem.	Hawkins

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The Diploma in Theology Fall Semester, 1988-89

Class Periods (Sat.)
FIRST: 7:30-10:10 a.m.
SECOND: 10:20-1:00 p.m.
LUNCH: 1:00-1:40 p.m.
CHAPEL: 1:45-2:20 p.m.
THIRD: 2:30-5:10 p.m.

Semester: Sept. 3-Dec. 20, except for Nov. 24-26

Course#	Course Description	Time	Cre. Hrs.	Days	Room	Professor
B 101	Survey of the Old Testament I	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	33	Battle
T 243	Systematic Theology I	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	34	Logan
B 200	Hebrew	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	35	Shropshire
B 203	Survey of the New Testament I	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	30	Alexander
H 121	Church History I	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	34	Maxwell
PM 381	Church Administration	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	33	Bullock
PM 165	Hist. of Black Preaching	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	35	Battle
PM 161	Writing and Research Seminar I	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	Sem.	Kirkley
PM 160	Homiletics I (Preaching)	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	32	Fullwood
H 225	Hist. of Church Among Afro. Amer.	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	34	Maxwell
PC 103	Health and Human Services	3:00 p.m.	3	Tues./Thurs.	Sem.	Jackson/Dickson
PF 102	Superv. Min. in Instit. Context	7:00-10:00 p.m.	3	Tues.	Dix	Franks
PM 389	United Church of Christ Polity	7:00-10:00 p.m.	3	Thurs.	Sem.	Hawkins

Other field education options are available; please consult Director of Supervised Ministry Gregory T. Headen

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Reverend Nathaniel O. Boykin Named Pastor Of Historic First Baptist Church in Raleigh

First Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C. has chosen the Reverend Nathaniel Oliver Boykin, a native of Brooklyn, New York who was reared in Charlotte, North Carolina, as its interim pastor. His official duties began on July 1. The First Baptist Family is honored and pleased to have attracted a minister, an administrator and a scholar of Reverend Boykin's stature to guide the church during this critical period in its history. The former pastor, the late Reverend Dr. Charles W. Ward, was funeralized in May of this year after 28 years of exemplary service.

Reverend Boykin, an energetic but meditative person, is well equipped to handle the challenge of his new appointment. In addition to his A.B. degree in English from Shaw University, he holds three Master degrees, one each in Divinity, Divinity with Religious Education, and Library Science from Shaw Divinity School, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and North Carolina Central University, respectively.

For a young man, Reverend Boykin's pastoral experience has been extensive and substantial. He has served as supply pastor for Ashbury Temple United Methodist Church, Durham, N.C.; builder and pastor of the First United Baptist Church, High Point, N.C.; and pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Wendell, N.C.

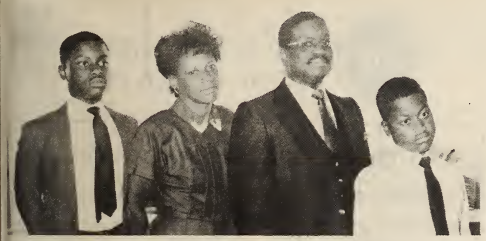
A devoted family man who loves his wife and his sons dearly, he always manages to find some time to spend with them daily. His wife, the former Norma M. Bourne, a native of Manchester, Jamaica in the West Indies, is a registered nurse with a degree in nursing education from the University of the West Indies, School of Nursing. The Boykins' have two sons, Nathan Oliver and Geoffrey Scott who are enrolled in secondary schools.

Reverend Boykin has a broad range of interests. He particularly enjoys reading and travelling. His travels have taken him to England, Germany, France, Canada, West Indies, Ireland, Luxemburg and Thailand.

Reverend Boykin will continue in his employment as Coordinator of Library Services with the North Carolina Department of Correction while serving as interim pastor of First Baptist.

A captivating speaker whose well constructed sermons never fail to show evidence of prayerful and thoughtful preparation, Reverend Boykins succeeds in making his presentations real audience-involving experiences. First Baptist Church is blessed to have him.

Mr. Charles Powell is chairman of the Board of Deacons and the Pulpit Committee.



Pictured above Interim Pastor Boykin and family. Left to right: Nathan Oliver, Mrs. Boykin, Reverend Boykin and Geoffrey Scott.

The Service Has Ended But The Memory Lingers On

Early this year, a very dedicated audience filled to overflowing Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, NC. The highly emotional occasion was to say "thank you, we love you, and we pray God's blessings go with you." The church pews were well packed with church members, community friends, and a fluent representation from churches out of town that Reverend Cooper pastored. The presence of thirty plus pastors added the necessary exclamation points to the occasion.

With mixed emotions various spokespersons gave sincere tributes, plaques, gifts, and good wishes to Pastor and Mrs. D.U. Cooper for twelve unforgettable years of Christian service. Reverend C.E. Rowe of North Wilkesboro delivered a heartwarming message filled with tributes. Local ministers assisted the program committee by assuming key responsibilities that gave special emphasis to the service. The church family and all auxiliaries, the Ministerial Alliance, the community, Social Service Department, Police Department and NAACP all beamed with joy to review the blessings. With tear-stained eyes, everyone wished a blessed future for Pastor and Mrs. Cooper as they were leaving to accept the charge at Mount Horeb Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. "The Service Has Ended But The Memory Lingers On."

Rev. H.L. Moore Receives Doctor of Divinity

By Rev. K. Ray Hill,
Contributing Editor

Rev. H.L. Moore, the son of the late Frieland and Josephine Moore, was born in Leland, NC. He attended the local public schools. He is a former Navy Petty Officer, and entered the ministry in 1955.

He received religious training from the Department of Religious Promotion of Shaw University, American Bible College — Chicago, Ill., Hampton Institute — Hampton, Va., and The United Christian College of Goldsboro, NC, where he received the Bachelor of Theology Degree and the D.D. Degree.

Rev. Moore is a member of the General Board and Executive Board; The Personnel Committee, all of the General Baptist State Convention; He is past moderator of the Cedar Creek Association; President of the Winston-Salem Ministers Conference; NAACP; Pride of Navassa Masonic Lodge #790; Standing Committee For Congressman Steve Neal; Minority Contractors and Statistician for The Rowan Baptist Association.

He has pastored the following churches in North Carolina: Sinia Chapel of Garland, N.C., Point Caswell Baptist Church of Atkinson. NC.



Dr. H.L. Moore

Old Christian Chapel of Rose Hill, NC, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Burgaw, NC, First Baptist and Cedar Creek Baptist Churches, Fayetteville, N.C., and is presently pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Rev. Moore is married to the former Geraldine Newkirk and is the father of (4) children.

Also a member of the Trustee Board of Shaw.

Spring Garden Missionary Baptist Church Honors Oldest Member

Washington, N.C. — Mrs. Pierce Fair of Washington, North Carolina, the oldest member of the Spring Garden Missionary Baptist Church celebrated her 90th birthday June 11, 1988 with a lovely yard party given by her daughter Mrs. Carol Williams, Mrs. Odessa Keech and Mrs. Amanda Watson. A delicious buffet dinner was served to about 100 guests. Mrs. Fair was honored for her many years of christian service and faithfulness. She received several gifts. Reverend E.R. McNair is the pastor of Spring Garden Baptist Church. The **Baptist Informer** staff wishes Mrs. Fair many more years of joy and happiness in Jesus Christ.

Reverend Lovelace Granted Doctor of Divinity Degree

By Rev. K. Ray Hill,
Contributing Editor

The Tennessee School of Religion, Detroit Extension, Board of Trustees voted on May 11, 1988 to confer the degree Doctor of Divinity upon the Reverend Joseph C. Lovelace, a member of Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. A special service is to be planned for this area with officials from the school.

Reverend Lovelace also received U.S. Senate confirmation on his promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve on May 1, 1988.

Rev. Lovelace is a member of The Prision Ministry Committee and serves on the Executive Board of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

He served the Shaw Divinity School as Treasurer and President of the Student Government Association from 1983-1985. Reverend Lovelace received letters of commendation from both Dr. Stanley H. Smith and Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Chief Executive Officers of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. He was graduated with The Master of Divinity Degree with honors in 1985.

Reverend Lovelace is looking to pastor one of our Urban Churches. He's a man that doesn't believe that the status is quo, and that things have to be the way they are, but rather we must be about change. . .improving the standards of living for all of God's children. With this hope, the doxoligies of God's people are fundamental indicators that wonders are still being performed, and that possibilities not yet dreamt of will happen in a world that is without end . . . Because the old men are dreaming dreams and the young men are still seeing visions.

Reverend Lovelace's Honors reflects great credit upon himself, his Nation, and The Kingdom of God . . . Congratulations Dr. Lovelace.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE Continued

Dr. J. Ray Butler Takes Over Reins Of Rowan Association



Dr. J. Ray Butler

By Robin Barksdale
Chronicle Staff Writer

A Winston-Salem pastor has taken over the reins of one of the state's largest religious organizations and says he plans to continue its successful history of promoting education and encouraging evangelism.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, elected moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association July 21, has jumped right into the duties of his office. Last week, he met with other officers of the association to map out a plan to help upgrade support of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University. The plan, Butler said, fits right in with the organization's emphasis on higher education.

"Shaw Divinity School needs funds to help purchase a piece of property that has been valued at over a million dollars," said Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. "The purchase would include the land, buildings, a church site and educational facilities on the divinity school's campus."

Not surprisingly, the position of moderator is a role with which Butler feels comfortable. He served as the moderator of the Western Union Association from 1955 to 1973. He also was chairman of the general board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc. for 23 years.

The Rowan Baptist Association, whose membership is composed of 125 churches, is one of the largest and strongest associations in the General Baptist State Convention. The organization's auxiliaries include the Sunday School Congress, the Baptist Training Union and the Women's Auxiliary. Members of the organization regularly contribute to and participate in the State Missions, a training process; the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary group; the J.J. Johnson Assembly Site, a teaching area for ministers; and the Central Orphanage of Oxford, a home for parentless children.

Butler said that one of the association's primary objectives is support of both Shaw Divinity School and of Shaw University.

"The seed has already been planted within the association with its readiness for endowment of higher education," said Butler, a graduate of both Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. "As moderator, I will encourage the continued support of education, but the seed has already been planted for the support of those two institutions. I don't feel that I'll have to persuade members of the association to continue in that direction."

Toward that end, plans are on the drawing boards to begin an eventual merger of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. Under the plan, Shaw Divinity School would become a graduate school under the auspices of Shaw University. Butler said that, at this point, the matter has only been unofficially tossed around but that such a merger would strengthen the resources and long-term potential of both institutions.

Butler said that he plans to encourage churches to remain true to their purposes as missionary Baptist organizations.

"I'm sure that I will strive to lead pastors and churches in areas that will help bring about the betterment of pastors, churches and congregations," he said. "I hope to lead them in the objectives of which missionary Baptists are all about in the state of North Carolina, and within the General Baptist State Convention family."

But Butler points out that while the association pursues its mission of educational support, it will not neglect its other objectives.

"I plan to also lead this organization in the outreach of evangelism," he said. "It's part of our belief. Ultimately, as missionary Baptist churches, we believe in evangelism. Missionary Baptists believe in stewardship. The thing is that we have to place an emphasis on teaching in these areas. There must be a process of growth. We're going to re-emphasize the need for education as a whole, but not just for Shaw University or Shaw Divinity School. I am going to stress studying God's word and studying the Bible. These are the ways to get people spiritually stronger. By doing that we provide insight which will improve their own spiritual life and the life of the church."

Butler's other community and religious activities include membership in the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, the Forsyth Clergy Association of Winston-Salem, the local NAACP, the Human Relations Committee, Experiment in Self-Reliance, the United Way and the Mental Health Association.

On the national level, he is affiliated with the National Theological Alumni Association of Shaw Divinity School, the Executive Board of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention USA Inc., the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board and the National Baptist Convention USA Inc.

Marvin Tyrone Installed At Macedonia Baptist Church

By Mrs. Emma Mays

Taylorsville — Reverend Marvin Tyrone Clowney was installed as the pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Highway 90E, Taylorsville, North Carolina, July 24, 1988 at 4 o'clock p.m. Reverend Clowney came to Macedonia in March 1988.

Reverend Clowney was licensed by the First Baptist Church Kannapolis, North Carolina in January 1980 and ordained by the Lane Creek Missionary Baptist Association in October 1980. Since that time Reverend Clowney has served as Associate Minister of the First Baptist Church Kannapolis. He served as pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church Lincolnton, North Carolina where he was a member of the Lincolnton County Ministerial Association. He served as Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina and was an active member of the Logan Ministerial Association and a member of the NAACP of Carbarrus County.

Reverend Clowney is the son of Reverend Marion and Mrs. Mattie Clowney. He is married to the former Tonda Lynn Stafford and they have three children, Alpha Dawn, 10; Marion, Jr., 9; and Liseta, 2.

The morning installation service was presided over by Brother Marvin Sainer, the sermon was delivered by the Reverend Darryl Robinson, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina. The evening installation service was presided over by Reverend W.A. Westfield, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Taylorsville, North Carolina. Greetings were given by Dr. J.C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church Statesville, North Carolina. Many persons brought greetings and congratulations to Pastor Clowney. The afternoon sermon was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina and Vice Chairman of the General Baptist Foundation, Incorporated. The special Service of Installation was led by Dr. Harris; Reverend Michael McClain, pastor of the First Washington Baptist Church, Lancaster, South Carolina; Reverend K.L. Alexander, pastor Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Belmont, North Carolina and Deacon Eli Hill, Sr. of Macedonia.

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New Hotel Celebrates Opening

By Ron Stodgill II
Staff Writer

Charlotte businessman John McDonald officially opened a 105-room Best Western hotel Thursday, becoming the city's first black affiliate of an international hotel company.

The $3 million, five-story Best Western-McDonald's Inn at Beatties Ford Road and I-85 should spur future development on Charlotte's westside, as well as motivate other Charlotte blacks who want business enterprises, said McDonald, owner of McDonald's Cafeteria Inc.

"A lot of people in this community are proud of this hotel because it's the first black hotel in Charlotte," said McDonald. "We need to make our black neighborhoods more vital, generate more revenues to the city. We need better role models for our black youth."

In 90-plus degree heat, about 200 people gathered at the new hotel, which started accepting guests April 15 and is adjacent to McDonald's cafeteria. The cafeteria opened eight years ago and has served as a social and political hub in the city.

"This is a good example for all businesses, whether they be minority or majority," said Carroll Gray, president of the Charlotte Chamber. "This is an example of taking a concept and building on that concept."

The hotel, designed by Gantt-Huberman Associates, features several amenities not required of operators by Phoenix-based Best Western International. The Jacuzzi, exercise room, remote control television, marble lobby floor and other extras at McDonald's should help distinguish it from most Best Westerns, company officials said. Best Western, the largest hotel company in the world with 3,300 properties, has two other hotels in Charlotte — one uptown and another near the airport.

With room rates ranging from about $40 to $50 per night, the hotel enters a fiercely competitive lodging segment in Charlotte. But McDonald isn't concerned about establishing an identity among the nearly 30 economy hotels and inns operating in Charlotte.

"There are a lot of new hotels coming here, but this hotel has been the most talked about because it's the first black hotel in Charlotte," McDonald said. "I have no doubt that this place will be around when others have failed."

Best Western operates in 33 countries.

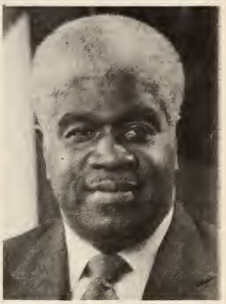
Johnston Elected New President For SCAA

North Carolina Correction Secretary Aaron J. Johnson was recently elected president of the Southern Correctional Administrators Association during the organization's meeting in Charleston, W.Va.

Johnson, who was elected SCAA vice president during the association's meeting in Raleigh last October, had been serving as acting president since the resignation of President C. Paul Phelps, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, earlier this year. Commissioner Packer Evatta of the South Carolina Department of Corrections was elected SCAA vice president during the Charleston meeting.

The SCAA is comprised of the chief administrative officers of state departments of correction from 17 Southeastern states and two U.S. territories. The SCAA, a regional branch of the Association of State Correctional Administrators, who formed to allow administrators from different states to share information on matters of common concern.

The SCAA meeting was held in conjunction with the summer meeting of the Southern States Correctional Association, which was also held in Charleston. During the SCAA meeting the administrators heard presentations from Commissioner David C. Evans of Georgia, president of the Association of State Correctional Administrators, and from Su Cunningham of Texas, president o the American Correctional Associa tion.



Aaron J. Johnson

Secretary Johnson's staff will serve as the staff of the association during his term as president. The association will conduct its next meeting in the fall of Alabama.

Reverend Johnson is pastor of the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Fayetteville, N.C. and a member o the General Baptist State Conven tion of N.C.

Reverend Fulwood Celebrates 15 Years At Saint Mark

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Acting Editor

Reverend James Fulwood, pastor of the Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church celebrated his 15th Anniversary as pastor this year. Reverend Fulwood has worked very hard over the years to strengthen Saint Mark spiritually. He indicated that his emphasis has been on EVANGELISM AND MISSION, "I believe that the church should be a living witness in the community for our Lord and Savior. It is important that members recognize their responsibility as Christians and serve to fulfill our calling."

Reverend Fulwood stated that during the past 15 years the church has been renovated. He also pointed to a steady increase in church growth, ". . .not only have we grown in numbers, but we have become closer as a church family, members have made a commitment to Christian love, fellowship, and unity." The church has grown from 50 members fifteen years ago to a present membership of 175.

The church has also increased its Mission support through the Forsyth Missionary and Education Union. Each 5th Sunday the church makes contributions to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Reverend Fulwood stated, "We have also developed an outreach ministry which provides clothing, food, and benevolence assistance to persons in need."

Reverend Fulwood is married to Mrs. Hattie E. Fulwood who is an active member of Saint Mark and the Winston-Salem ministers wives. She participates in the Missionary work and choir at Saint Mark and is Secretary of the Ministers Wives Fellowship.

Reverend Fulwood has two daughters who are members of the church,Faylyne Fulwood and Demetrus Fulwood Williams.

Pastor Fulwood indicated that in the future he hoped to lead Saint Mark to purchase property for a new church facility. "I want Saint Mark to increase its MINISTRY OF SERVICE. We have a beautiful church family and the members have made great sacrifices to make Saint Mark the church God would have us to be. BUT the work of Jesus Christ never ends, there are still many harvest to reap and our work must continue. I am so thankful that God has given me an opportunity to lead this congregation."



Rev. James Fulwood

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CONVENTION SPECIAL

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Youth (see Convention Special page 14). A training demonstration was led by Congress Dean Mrs. Hazel McLean of Laurinburg, NC. The session also featured the President's Address by Mr. Cedric Jones, Charlotte and a dynamic sermon by Dr. John Fuller, Pastor of the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC. Dr. Fuller encouraged Convention participants to be loyal, brave soldiers in the army of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Assembly session ended after Evangelism services at the New Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Keith B. Martin sang and preached.

Wednesday's sessions were the crowning point of the 1988 Assembly. The theme discussion was led by Dr. P.C. Holland, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, NC. Several Convention personalities brought greetings and Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the GBSC gave his report. Dr. Craig gave an outstanding and dynamic report. He pointed out the achievements of the GBSC and concluded with a mountain top expression of how God had made the GBSC journey a journey of faith.

The audience also was inspired by a visit by the Honorable Jim Martin, Governor of North Carolina. Governor Martin was well received as he pointed to the many accomplishments of his administration and to minority appointments during his



Dr. P.C. Holland, leads Convention Theme Workshop.

term as Governor. Following his address Governor Martin presented Dr. J.B. Humphrey and Dr. C.C. Craig certificates of appreciation for their exceptional leadership in the state of North Carolina (see page 15).

The featured event of the morning was the Annual Address of our GBSC President Dr. J.B. Humphrey. Dr. Humphrey made an impassioned plea for the Convention to lay aside its differences, and seek a vision of unity, harmony, vision, and spiritual direction. The President pointed to the need for additional mission support of our Convention objectives and causes. "The cause of Jesus Christ must come before our personal concerns." The address was a bold and challenging call for greater commitment.

Wednesday afternoon was led by the Woman's Convention (see next month's **Informer** for additional WBH&FMC coverage). Dr. P.A. Brodie gave her Annual Report. Dr. Brodie pointed to the continued growth and development of the Woman's Convention. She inspired the messengers to continue their support of the WBH&FMC and asked that stewardship continue. Following Dr. Brodie's report President Luella Edwards gave her Annual Report. Mrs. Edwards has been one of the most outstanding Woman Convention Presidents. She has published material about the Convention and promoted the WBH&FMC across the country and world. President Edwards participated in the historic 47th Annual Interdenominational Association of Ministers Wives Conference along with the wife of Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa (see August-September 1987 **Baptist Assembly**).

Her address was one of the best received in the Assembly's history. The session ended with special presentations to leaders of the WBH&FMC.

Wednesday evening program featured the GBSC President's Banquet. Dr. Humphrey presided. The speaker for the banquet was Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, New President of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC. Dr. Shaw thanked the GBSC for its long support of Shaw University and the cause of higher education.

On Wednesday night the Keynote Address was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Franklin Richardson, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, NY and Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. Dr. Richardson electrified the Assembly with his dynamic sermon taken from Isaiah 40. Dr. Richardson encouraged the GBSC to continue its leadership of Baptist in America. (I had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Richardson during the session. He shared with me the innovative ministry and mission programs of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. under the leadership of President T.J. Jemison of Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Richardson also talked about his recent trips to Africa where food and medicine was taken to help relieve the starvation and sickness. He also shared with me the excitement around the country about the new National Baptist Convention World Headquarters Building in Nashville, TN. Dr. Richardson was very positive about his work and ministry and felt that North Carolina Baptist had helped him institute creative mission programs in the National Baptist Convention Inc.).

The day ended with Evangelism services led by Rev. E.E. Milsap, Pastor of Saint John Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC.

The Convention closed Thursday with a joint session and final reports. New Convention Officers were installed and the 1988 All Baptist Assembly ended with a moving Communion Service of fellowship.

GBSC Pastors Highlight 1988 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Acting Editor

Kansas City — Several GBSC Pastors participated on the program of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. which was held in Kansas City, MO, August 8-13, 1988.

Acting Editor Reverend Dr. Archie D. Logan, Jr., participated in the Progressive Baptist Congress of Christian Education in Course 821 Home Mission Workshop. Also teaching in the Congress were Dr. Harold Diggs, Charlotte, NC, Course 709 Christine Doctrine; Dr. Preston Pendergrass, Charlotte, NC, Course 707 New Testament Gospel Themes; and Dr. Elbert Lee, Rocky Mount, NC, Course 818 Workshop on Aging.

The 27th session was one of the most exciting in Progressive history. On Wednesday, August 10, Dr. C.J. Malloy, Jr. General Secretary of PNBC, and a native son of North Carolina gave his Annual Report on the theme "Come and See" John 1:38-39. Dr. Malloy's report was exceptional and thanked PNBC members for their support of mission and evangelism causes.

Dr. C.G. Newsome, the Chairman of the General Baptist Foundation, Inc. and Associate Dean of Howard University School of Religion, Washington, DC brought greetings and made an appeal for support by Baptist for black colleges on Wednesday. Dr. Newsome's greetings were followed by a sermon by Dr. Harold S. Diggs, pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. Dr. Diggs challenged the audience to commit and dedicate their lives and ministry to the Missionary Vision.

On Wednesday night the Home Mission Board had its Bi-Annual service. The speaker was Reverend Dr. Allan Boesak from South Africa, an international leader against the abolishment of apartheid. Reverend Boesak stirred the Convention with his emotional and impassioned call for spiritual, and social liberation in Africa. The PNBC raised of $30,000.00 to support Boesak in the struggle against apartheid.

On Thursday, August 11, Dr. Percy High, Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, NC led the Memorial Services for Deceased Pastors (see Convention Special page 13). Dr. High's message was one of the most moving of the Convention.

Thursday night was President's Night. The Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith gave his last address. President Smith reviewed the accomplishments of his administration and called to PNBC to continue its missionary mandates. He pointed to the PNBC distinctive features of tenure in office, civil rights advocacy and activism, and generous support of worthy causes.



Dr. J.C. Malloy, Jr. PNBC General Secretary

Friday's session featured the election of officers by ballot. The new officers of PNBC are: The Reverend Dr. Fred C. Lofton, Memphis, TN, President; Dr. Charles Adams, Detriot, MI, 1st Vice President; and Dr. Bennie Smith, Buffalo, NY, 2nd Vice President.

Hiding Thy Word In My



Convention Special

Tar River (Continued from page 4)

Vice President gave Tributes to Senior Citizens. Rev. Frank Bullock, Jr., Moderator Emeritus introduced the speaker, Dr. J.R. Manley, Former President, General Baptist State Convention. Special presentations were made by President Eatmon. Remarks were given by Moderator J. B. Woodhouse and the benediction was given by Dr. Manley.

#2 — Mission-A-Thon

The 3rd Annual Mission-A-Thon was held at the Red Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church on June 18, 1988, Dr. J.B. Woodhouse, Pastor.

The theme: "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand, make this World a Better Place if we Can," was carried out by participating churches in the Tar River Missionary Baptist Association.

The program began with Coffee hour and fellowship from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Red Oak Grove and Sandy Fork Baptist Churches were on program from 10:00-11:00 a.m. St. Hope and Bunn Chapel hour was from 11:00-12:00 and St. Delight and Philadelphia were scheduled from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Participating members prepared a picnic lunch which was served at 1:00 p.m.

Rocky Point, White Oak and Elizabeth hour was from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and the Pilot Missionary Baptist Church presented the 7 UPS program at 3:00 p.m. St. John and Oak Level followed.

The captain of each Tar River Church was asked to lead their church into contributing $100.00 toward mission. This Mission-A-Thon was and has been successful in the past.

Remarks were given by President Dollene T. Eatmon, Rev. Frank Bullock, Jr., Moderator Emeritus and Dr. J.B. Woodhouse, Moderator.

When A Pastor Dies

By Percy High, D. Min.
Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina

(Delivered at Memorial Service for Deceased Pastors of Progressive National Baptist Convention of America, August 1988, Kansas City, MO).

Moses told the fellowship of his followers, upon the realization of his earthly departure, these words, "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Jesus assured his disciples, as he approached his own earthly departure, with these words, "You have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." As he approacched his demise, Paul wrote these words to the congregation at Corinth, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens." And, while exiled on Patmos, John reported this assurance, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord! Blessed indeed, says the Lord, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

I know that Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled;" but, when a pastor dies, strange happenings occur. When a pastor dies, no flags fly at half-staff. No businesses close down. No presidential order for national mourning is issued. And no governor sends a special representative to read a proclamation of state sorrow.

When a pastor dies, sinners rejoice; but saints reflect. When a pastor dies, a church suffers far more than she readily realizes. When a pastor dies, a trumpet for the Lord is silenced, an administrator becomes absent, a counselor's counseling is concluded, a holy medical consultant is no longer consulted, and that voice which speaks at the homegoing of every saint is hushed.

When a pastor dies, that strong hand which held babies at their dedications is stilled. That tender voice to children, and sometimes harsh and yet heavenly one to adults speak no more. That rock who reminds college students of the old blessed "House of Prayer" back home is gone. That symbol of a spiritual link to the past and promissory note to the future is absent. And that praying and preaching parson who reminds us of our hellish badness and God's heavenly goodness has taken a trip which is much longer than a mere vacation.

When a pastor dies, a struggle for power begins among those who have never been "Born again" and who have never realized the power of him who is the Holy Spirit. However, when a pastor dies, right-thinking church members know and understand that a spiritual psychoanalyst, a group therapist, a marriage counselor, a scout leader, a civic leader, a fund raiser, a bookkeeper, a public relations expert, and even a part-time gardner, plumber, and janitor is no longer available because a good shepherd is gone.

But some other events take place when a pastor dies. Heaven shakes with shouts of the redeemed. Angels take a back seat in glory. Seraphims and cherubims quit flying around heaven with burning coals. Prophets, priests, and kings stand at attention and salute his heavenly arrival. God orders heaven's valet to transform himself into the preacher's steward and present that pastor with a robe of purity, a crown of righteousness, some shoes made for walking on golden streets, and a voice and throat relaxer because he or she will need to preach no more.

Therefore, to all churches served by and families of deceased Progressive Baptist Convention pastors, allow me to inform you that those stalwart servants of the most high "Host of heaven" have "fought the good fight." They have "finished the race." They have "kept the faith." And, because of their faithfulness, "Henceforth, there is laid up for (them) a crown of righteousness."

Maya Angelou's Statement of Welcome At 1988 All Baptist Assembly

Faith, the evidence of things not seen, brought the Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace and a race of weary believers out of the awful suffocating clasp of slavery. We can credit **faith,** that tender emotion, nourished in the bosom of the obedient, with our survival.

During the centuries when we owned nothing — not our clothes nor our names nor our bodies nor the land we worked nor the goods our labor provided; during those lean and mean years, the Black church was born. God's love for us and our faith in that everlasting, everpresent love can be credited with the miracle of a Black church of love, a-borning and a-growing in a desert of destruction. After slavery, our church, supported by the meager monies earned by the newly freed people, was really sustained by faith. When our people washed clothes, picked cotton and hoed tobacco, they had faith that if they worked hard and prayed mightily, their children would walk the corridors of Fisk, study the mysteries at Howard, enlarge their understanding at Tuskegee, North Carolina A.&T., Shaw, Bennett, and Slater Industrial and State Normal now Winston-Salem State University.

Faith in the goodness of God informed them that although they had been the poorest, the lowliest, and the most neglected, indeed, their children would grow to be representatives at the United Nations, a judge on the Supreme Court, gold medal finalists in Olympics games, leading actors on Broadway, the world's most popular musicians. Their children would figure among the discoverers of blood plasma, the first open-heart surgery, astronauts exploring space, and the leading contender for the highest position in this country: the presidency of the United States. How have we come so far? Our souls must look back and wonder.

Faith has brought the religious men and women of North Carolina together to be here today. Faith in our God — faith in ourselves will lead us safely and surely to our next stage of development.

Keep the faith.

North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention *Annual President's Address*

How To Recycle Your Life?

II Cor. 5:17

By Mr. Cleveland Griffin, President
New Bethel Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, N.C.



Mr. Cleveland Griffin

Brother Felton Davis First-Vice President of the State Baptist Usher's Convention, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention; Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; all my Vice Presidents; all Officers of the Ushers Convention; Auxiliary Presidents; Pastors, Ministers of the Gospel; Ushers and my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We were in Jacksonville, North Carolina last July, now it is July again I come to give in account of my Stewardship. I want to pause right here and Thank God for watching over me this past year, he has allowed me to see another year. And he brought me safe thus far and I know he will carry me through.

RECEMMENDATION:

That the Oratorical Contest be moved from the ONE DAY SESSION to the ANNUAL SESSION.

To Challenge the Unfinished Task your life must be Recycle.d

Recycling is a popular term which has emerged during the past decades from man's heavy emphasis and concern about this environment. It pertains to ways and means ecology crusaders have developed, for remaking and reusing materials formerly discarded after their time of usefulness has ended. Throw away bottles and other glasses are collected, grounded up, then used in many forms, even for paving roads, broken down machinery, formerly abandoned to rust and mar the beauty of the country-side, is melted, refined and fashioned into various instruments of values.

Scientific laboratories operate day and night, seeking to find ways to recycle our waste, and turn them

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Convention Special Continued

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nto profit. Thanks to recycling, even empty Pepsi cans have a second chance to serve a worthwhile and useful purpose in life. This recycling principle has proven of such tremendous value to man, that many have lamented the absence of a proven recycling program for humans who have discovered life to be considerably less than sensational.

The question is asked many times, Can a Life be Recycled? Can it be made Over? Thank God, The Bible answers with a thunderous, Yes! You can begin again. You can receive a new life, one completely transformed in the miraculous power of God.

In our address, the Apostle Paul shares with the world the Divine Secret for beginning again. It is, Being In Christ, this is the Key. If a man is in Christ, he is a new creature, a new creation. He gets a new heart, a new nature, a new desire, a new hopes, a new outlook, a new uplook, and a new purpose for living. Yes, it is in Christ that life begins. Now, let us look together, prayerfully, how this recycling of life takes place in these times of fear, anxiety, and distress, times in which perplexed people are gravely concerned about world conditions. When everything is topsy-turvey unstabled and uncertained, we would do well to ask ourselves the questions — What is the Church doing about the Lost? It can't be emphasized too often, that the gospel is good news, the best news that has ever reached mankind.

For it is the announcement of God's sacrificial life for a lost and ruined world. Ruin is everywhere in this world, ferment under its mountains, storms on the sea, diseases in its atmosphere, and disaster so often brought about by human ignorance and sin. Fear not for I have good news for you! Despite the darkness, the power station in heaven is still in tact. The foundation of the building is still secure, and the Divine Architect is still in business.

The Scriptures guarantee a past forgiven and forgotten in Christ. Now, the point of emphasis is, everyone has a past! Not everyone, however, will admit it. They are like the fellow who, after hearing a minister preach a strong sermon about the total corruption of the human heart, came to complain. Preacher, I just can't swallow this depravity bit you have been talking about. To which the preacher replied, "you don't have to swallow it, it's already in you." All of us consider ourselves to be good to a certain degree. We acknowledge that we have a few faults, but we honestly feel our virtues far outweigh our faults. But our goodness will not save. We must be born again.

It is like the woman who was married to a beast of a man, who abused her pitifully. On one occasion, seeing the black and blue marks on her arms and face, her Pastor sympathized with her by saying, "Your husband must be a despicable brute to treat you in such a manner." "Oh, I don't know," she replied. "He drinks a little, he gambles a little, he chases women a little, he beats me a little, but outside of that he is a pretty good husband."

It is the same with us all! We minimize our faults and glorify our virtues. In order for the Lord to bless us and deliver us, we must admit that we need help. We are willing to acknowledge what we call mistakes, errors and even faults, but we do not want to face the hideous fact of what God calls, our Sins.

However, the word of God certainly makes it clear, plain and convincing that all are Sinners. We have a past. What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jesus and Gentiles, that they are all under sin: as it is written, there is none righteous, no not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:9.

When we look at it seriously, we are a bunch of rebels. Yes, we all have a past. Praise God this morning, your past can be forgiven in Christ and your life can be recycled. Ephesians 1:7 puts it like this; In whom we have redemption through his blood. In Christ, we have redemption through his blood. Beyond any shadow of doubt, the Bible's sweetest stories are accounts for forgiveness. For example, I think of the woman who was caught in the very act of sin. She deserved to die, according to law. Those who brought her to Jesus wanted her, as a blight on society, to be executed. But how thrilling, how exciting are the words of comfort. "Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more." John 8:11. Oh, what a mighty Saviour. When we are at a low ebb, Jesus will forgive.

And there is the familiar story of the Prodigal son, considered by some authorities, the greatest story in human literature, sacred or secular. The rebellious prodigal took his inheritance and went into a far country. Wasting it all with riotous living. When his money was gone and a famine swept the land, he joined himself to a citizen of the Country. Working in the field with swine, broke, hungry, destitute the foolish prodigal came to his senses and determined to return home and ask for forgiveness. The thrilling climax was described in our Lord. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him, and the son said unto him, "Father I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."

Highlights Of Sunday School/BTU Congress

Auxiliary Meeting — Sunday School/BTU Congress All Baptist Assembly — Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, N.C. July 25-28, 1988

By Mrs. Hazel McLean, Dean & M. Mildren Martin, Recorder

Introduction. The Sunday School/BTU Congress conducted at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, July 25-28, 1988 in conjunction with the All Baptist Assembly afforded an excellent opportunity for members to discern more fully how the work of the Congress as well as that of other auxiliaries contributes toward the achievement of the total objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

During the initial business session, scheduled Monday, July 24, from 2-4 p.m. with the president, Cedric Jones, presiding, an impressive, inspiring devotional period was led by Robert Stewart, deacon, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

Dean in Action. That the Sunday School/BTU Congress is progressing steadily toward new horizons that promise to improve our Christian Education Program at the local, county, district, association and state levels was quite evident as Mrs. Hazel McLean, newly elected Congress Dean, involved the group in a brain-storming, buzz session in reference to recommended procedures directed toward making our one day sessions conducted each year in February and the annual sessions each July more meaningful, informative and productive.

In her overview, Mrs. McLean stated that several workshops had been conducted during the year, with a wealth of information and materials available but that a total of less than 200 representatives from churches across the state were in attendance. Her recommendation that the One Day Sesseion be conducted in a facility spacious enough for general sessions, and with several meeting rooms/areas that will accommodate special interest groups of approximately 250 in workshops thereby making such training sessions available when over 2,000 delegates from churches throughout the state are present was favorably received.

These workshops will replace individual workshops previously conducted periodically during the year but with very poor attendance.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of opinion was that workshops be planned for the following personnel: superintendents, church school and BTU teachers, boards of Christian education, youth leaders, church officers, and vacation Bible school workers. Other suggested workshop topics included recruitment, selection of materials, and age level differentiation of instruction to meet individual needs.

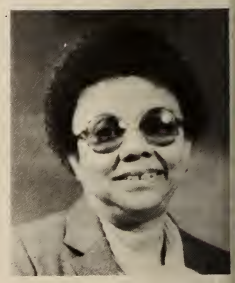
At the request of the dean, the following members were named to a place committee to locate a site, preferably in the Raleigh-Durham area, with facilities necessary to implement the proposed program: Mrs. Janet Allen, Mrs. Alice Mitchell, Mrs. Endyne Yates, Mrs. Viola High, Mrs. Doris Morgan, Mrs. Miriane G. Ricks, Mrs. Mary Love, Mrs. Novella B. Cheek and Mrs. Willie W. Morgan.

Mrs. McLean further recommended that the president appoint a program committee composed of pastors, superintendents, teachers, and students delegated with the responsibility to meet at least twice a year to study ways in which the three day annual session can be made more effective timewise and to aid in program planning to achieve this goal.

Persons who volunteered to serve and were approved by President Jones were as follows: Rev. W.H. Sturdivant, Rev. Clyde B. Walton, Mrs. Alice Mitchell, Mrs. Mary T. Horton, Mrs. Ona Taylor, and Mrs. E. Louise Heaggans.

Echoes from the Department of Christian Education. Dr. Leo Williams, Director of Christian Education, reminded the group that his department seeks to assist the Congress in its efforts to improve the Church School and BTU as the Bible teaching/leadership training agencies of the local church and to distribute pertinent information relative to Congress organization and operational procedures as they pertain to the GBSC.

Continuing, Dr. Williams displayed and briefly explained forms which should be submitted by the local church, association and union to assure effective communication, and the distribution of materials thereby making it possible for the Department of Christian Education to function effectively as a liasion between the local churches and the Congress.



Mrs. Hazel McLean, Dean

Other Action. In answer to a question by Mrs. Johnnie Y. Sanders concerning affiliation of our GBSC Congress with the National Progressive Baptist Congress which is necessary in order to receive credit for study courses taken in the State Congress, Mrs. McLean stated that as of 1989, our state Sunday School Congress will be affiliated with all three National Baptist Conventions and that credits for courses taken at the state level will be retroactive.

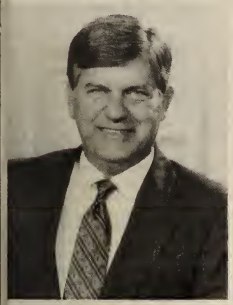
Self-studies. President Jones reviewed plans for local church school self-studies to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses and suggested training programs for self-improvement, afterwhich, he appointed a resolutions committee as follows: Sedell McCloud, Mrs. Elsie Grier, Mrs. Inease T. Wicker, Rev.

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Governor Martin Addresses 1988 All Baptist Assembly

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Acting Editor



Governor Jim Martin

Winston-Salem, NC — Governor Jim Martin, in an address to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. in Winston-Salem July 27, stresses the improtance of making all North Carolinians beneficiaries of this state's record economic growth.

The Governor, who was warmly received by the audience at the M.C. Benton Convention Center, also stressed his administration's efforts to include all North Carolinians in the process of government.

"We are committed to the concept of inclusion and expansion — inclusion of people of all races, ages, and genders, in the greater expanded economic opportunity of our state," he said.

The Governor said North Carolina is "on an economic roll" with a net gain of 344,000 new jobs during the past three and one-half years. "We didn't redistribute prosperity," the Governor said. "We created a broader base so more people could share in it and aspire higher."

He noted, however, that some of these new jobs are not high-paying jobs. Governor Martin said that is due, in part, to the fact that one-in-four of this state's adult population can't read and write adequately or handle the math required for most higher paying jobs.

"That's why I have proposed a major program to retrain adult workers' literacy and to cut the dropout rate in half or better," Martin told his audience. "We're getting jobs to the people, but must also get our people to the jobs qualified, trained, and ready to work."

The Governor said he has carried over his policy of inclusion into the area of gubernatorial appointments by bringing minorities to high level positions within his administration.

Among this appointments he cited are: Aaron Johnson as Secretary of Correction (a General Baptist); Dr. Lee Monroe as his senior education advisor (a former administrator at Shaw University); Julian Brown as director of the Minority Business Agency, Ed Garner as Assistant Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, Henry McKoy as Deputy Secretary of Administration: Felicia Pine as the first black to serve in the International Division of the Department of Commerce, Morgan Edwards as Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Mary Deyampert as Director of Social Services.

Although the Governor said he has actively sought out minorities for his administration because "It is the right thing to do," Governor Martin said he had a second reason for pursuing this course that "is not entirely unselfish." He said, "We need to get as many qualified people in state government as possible."

"Why overlook a rich source of manpower?" the Governor added.

Noting that his efforts on behalf of racial equity have extended upon his appointments, the Governor cited several of his initiatives: he was the first governor to issue a policy directive concerning equal employment opportunity, he was the first governor in the nation to initiate a program specifically for historically black colleges and universities, he was the first governor to serve as chairman for the statewide fundraising drive for the United Negro College Fund of which Shaw University is a participant, he led the effort to add the United Negro College Fund to the State Employees Combined Campaign, more than $14 million has gone from state agencies to historically black colleges and universities, and he established the Governor's Task Force on Racial, Religious and Ethical Violence and Intimidation in response to an upsurge in hate group activities.

"Action, not rhetoric, is what this administration is all about," Governor Martin said. "An open agenda openly shared is what you are entitled to."

Governor Martin said, "Good government comes about when we embrace the words of Frederick Douglas who said: "I would unite with anybody to do the right and with nobody to do wrong."

At the conclusion of his remarks, Governor Martin presented Certificates of Appreciation to General Baptist Convention President Dr. James B. Humphrey and to Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C.C. Craig.

Lt. Governor Bob Jordan Sends Greetings To 1988 All Baptist Assembly

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Acting Editor

Winston-Salem, NC — Although Lt. Governor Bob Jordan was unable to attend the 1988 All Baptist Assembly he has had a long record of service and commitment to all the people of North Carolina.

As Lt. Governor Jordan has worked for more jobs for the citizens of North Carolina, improved the highway program, supported a Basic Education Program and school construction program, worked for economic help for rural areas through the Rural Economic Development Corporation, expansion of Senior Citizens Centers across the state, and supported efforts to assist black colleges and universities in the state.

The Lt. Governor has worked closely with the North Carolina Legislature and with Representatives Dr. C.R. Edwards and Dr. Sidney Locks both who are leaders in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Dr. Edwards indicated that "the Lt. Governor has a long history of support and commitment to the needs of all the citizens of our state and I believe he will make an outstanding Governor."



Lt. Governor, Bob Jordan

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To Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Dr. Jerry Drayton and members of the General Baptist State Convention: I wish so very much that I could be with you this week. Unfortunately, I had a prior commitment that I absolutely had to keep. I want to thank you, however, for the public pledge of support you gave in the May primary. It went a long way in demonstrating the success we can enjoy when we work together. My wife Sarah and I are hopeful that this will be a successful All-Baptist Assembly. We do ask that you pray for right direction and the continued progress of our state. Again, thank you.

Bob Jordan

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Sunday School & BTU (Continued from page 14)

Clyde B. Walton, Mrs. Johnnie Y. Sanders, and Mrs. Wyomia Bryant.

Tuesday, July 26, 1988 — Oratorical Contest. That our young people are cognizant of problems which exist among the youth of today; that they treasure Bible teaching and Christian living; and, that they accept Christ knowing that He is the Source of their strength in coping with temptations that confront them was readily apparent as 15 juniors and 12 seniors forcefully and convincingly presented their ideas, beliefs, and convictions in reference to the following topics: "Be Ye Doers of the Word," "Create in Me a Clean Heart," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "The Body — God's Temple," "I Am A Witness for Christ," "Give Your Best to the Master," "Combatting Drugs," "Being Sincere," "The Joy of Salvation," "The Golden Key to Success," "God Will Take Care of You," "Immorality Weakens the Body of Christ," "Honoring Our Parents," "Building Christian Homes," "Choices Have Consequences," "Being Sincere," and "Is It All Right To Say No."

Winners were as follows: **Junior Division** — 1st place: Denees McEachern, Union Baptist Association; 2nd place; Gail Barnes, Northampton Association; 3rd place: Valencia Burford, Deep River Association. **Senior Division** — 1st place: Tonia Leach, Union Baptist Association; 2nd place: Cordelia Blanding, Deep River Association; 3rd place: Myra McGill, Gaston County Association and Mark Bibbs, Ebenezer Association.

Directing the contest were Mrs. Janie Clayton and Haywood McCoy.

Tuesday evening, July 26, 1988. A spiritual and informative "mountain-top" experience during the All Baptist Assembly occurred Tuesday, July 22, from 7-10 p.m. when the Sunday School/BTU Congress with the 1st Vice President, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, presiding, shared its special program in a joint session of the parent body.

A worshipful atmosphere was set as Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart, music director, and Waverly Camp, organist, led the group in singing, "My Hope Is Built." Following the reading of John 15:1-7 which emphasizes the importance of abiding in Christ, J.W. Flake prayed that our hearts and minds would be open that we might be blessed.

Demonstration. Using as a theme, "Facing the Unfinished Task Through Teaching and Training," Mrs. McLean cited as background scripture in answer to the question, "Why Study," Proverbs 1:7 — "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

The importance of proper study prior to developing a training program was vividly portrayed through a cartoon which pictured a blindfolded driver recklessly approaching a marked "bridge-out" highway hazard. Continuing, Mrs. McLean emphasized that to approach a training program with proper study is equally as hazardous inasmuch as effective teaching requires planning.

Through the use of a series of transparencies, she displayed and explained the components of a good lesson plan, namely, the title, Bible passage, central truth, materials needed, methods, and activities.

Several teaching methods were suggested and demonstrated — expository, inductive, interactive and creative. The use of a time line to show **when**, a map to explain **where**, and role playing and discussion to clarify "Who" and "What" in teaching were highlighted.

Mrs. McLean's concluding reminder was that with God and a little faith all things are possible.

President's Address. "The Challenge of Teaching and Training in Reference to our Unfinished Task" was reiterated by President Jones in his annual message. "Teaching," he stated, "requires stewardship of time, talents, and possessions, and that our challenge, therefore, is to do the will of our Heavenly Father; to study; to serve our fellowman; to love one another; and, to accomplish God's will here on earth."

Educational Sermon. Concluding the session was a dynamic, thought-provoking sermon by Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr., Pastor of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Using as his subject, "Let the REAL Soldiers Step Forward," with God's instructions to Gideon, recorded in Judges 7:2-7, as a frame of reference, Dr. Fuller pointed out that the church, like Gideon's army, is too often filled with "Look-Likes" — "look-like Christians who are non-dependable, non-bonafied, non-committed; and, that just as God directed Gideon, the church, too, needs to rid itself of the frightened, the undisciplined, the complainers, etcetera, among its ranks and move boldly forward to complete the unfinished task.

Music was furnished by the Lewis Chapel Gospel Choir.

Observation. The three sessions of the Sunday School/BTU Congress herewith summarized provided information, inspiration and fellowship; and served to motivate those in attendance to rededicate themselves to the teaching-training ministry of the local church.

Cy A. Grant Attends All Baptist Assembly

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.
Acting Editor

(In an interview during the All Baptist Assembly Attorney Grant shared his views.)

Winston-Salem — Declaring himself no stranger to work, and the Judicial System, Cy A. Grant pledged that if he is elected to the Superior Court judgeship which he plans to seek in the Sixth Judicial District, he will work hard and long to serve the people of the district. Attorney Grant is a member of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

The Sixth-B Judicial District was created by the 1987 Legislature and is composed of **Bertie, Hertford** and **Northampton** Counties. Grant made his announcement before a large group of friends, family members and associates in the legal profession as he stood on the front steps of the Bertie County Courthouse.

Grant grew up in Bertie County. He was reared in the Indian Woods Community by his grandmother, Mrs. Helen C. Cooper. He attended Bertie County Schools and graduated from Bertie Senior High School in 1973.

He enrolled in North Carolina Central University in the fall of 1973 and majored in political science graduating in 1977 with high honors.

His first job after college was with the Mid-East Commission in Washington, N.C., writing federal and state grant proposals for counties and towns in the five-county region.

In 1978 he enrolled at the University's School of Law and graduated with honors in 1981. Three months later he passed the North Carolina State Bar Examination and was licensed to practice law in this state.

In 1981 he accepted a position as a Judicial Law Clerk for Federal District Court Judge Richard C. Erwin of the Middle District of North Carolina. He worked with Judge Erwin for approximately two years researching the law, advising the judge and writing legal opinions.

He became an Assistant District Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District in January 1983. In this position he was responsible for prosecuting all cases in District and Superior Courts in Bertie and Hertford Counties.

In 1985 he formed the law firm of Grant, Lewis and Grant with his wife, Rosiland, and W. Robert Lewis. The law firm practices both civil and criminal law.

Logan: Attorney Grant in your opinion what makes a good judge?

Grant: "I believe a good judge treats people who come before him fairly and impartially, maintains the dignity of the courtroom, considers and respects the rights of all people, including the victims as well as the defendants, is attentive and listens.

"A good judge is a working judge. A working judge works Monday through Friday and holds court as long as necessary to get the people's work completed. A working judge does not leave court on Tuesday or Wednesday when there remains work to be done.

"These are the qualities that I believe are important and I assure you that I will work extremely hard to be that kind of judge, for I am no stranger to hard work."

Logan: Would you share a little of your past work experience.

Grant: "My entire senior year of high school at Bertie, I worked a full



Cy A. Grant

time job at Harrington Manufacturing Company from 4:30 in the afternoon to 1 a.m. as a heavy machine operator in order to earn enough money to attend college the next year. While at college in Durham, I drove an elementary school bus in the mornings and afternoons and drove taxi cabs at night to pay my way through college. In the one year between college and law school, I worked with the Mid-East Commission to earn funds to assist in financing my law school education. Also, I worked every summer while in law school."

Logan: Please tell us about your family and background.

Grant: "I currently reside in Bertie County with my wife and 2 children. I was honored this year as an "Outstanding Young Man in America," chairman of the Bertie County Democratic Party, a director for Bertie County Rural Health Association, a director of the Bertie County Youth Task Force, secretary-treasurer of the Bertie County Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitutional and Master Mason of Jerusalem Lodge No. 96.

"I am a member of a General Baptist Church, the Indian Woods Baptist Church, also the Improved Protection Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, N.C. State Bar, N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and Sixth Judicial District Bar.

"Dr. Logan I am enjoying the warm fellowship here at the 1988 All Baptist Assembly. I continue to thank God for allowing me an opportunity to serve the people of North Carolina and the nation."

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19 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters

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Dr. W.T. Bigelow And The Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina Welcome GBSC Fall Session



Dr. W.T. Bigelow



Dr. W.T. Bigelow, was called to the Saint Paul Baptist Church in June 1965 after the death of the former pastor, the Reverend J.H. Peppers. The membership roll at the time was 183. After only three months he was able to rally the congregation in completing the construction plans for a new church. Meanwhile, the congregation worshipped in the E.D. Mickle Recreation Center where over 200 new members were added to the roll. Today, the membership roll is over 3800. The spiritual services and financial income continues to grow.

The dynamic minister led his congregation into the first new building in February of 1966, baptizing more than 50 persons on the first opening Sunday. During the first 15 months of his pastorate of Saint Paul Baptist Church, later changed to The Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, many outstanding accomplishments were attained: laying of the Cornerstone, successful homecoming, the paying off of all indebtedness and the burning of the mortgage.

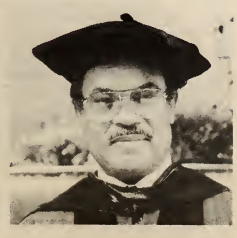
The first new church originally seated 460 persons in air-conditioned comfort. The building is complete with chimes, eight classrooms in the basement and a Public Address System. There are many of the minister's personal designs throughout the church. To name a few — HOUR OF POWER SERVICE which is held every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. with an outstanding and unusual attendance. The TITHING PROGRAM is a very unique program where the church is solely supported through tithes and offerings. NO SELLING in or for The Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church is practiced. Many members are dedicated to this program and it has proven to be effective. It is constantly growing with believing members.

Because of his unique leadership ability, it became imperative to construct another building with a larger seating capacity to accommodate the many members and friends of the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church. A Ground-breaking Ceremony was held for this building on May 9, 1971 at 3:00 p.m. The building was completed in early fall, 1972. Dedicatorial Services were held October, 1972. It was necessary to purchase additional property to be used for parking facilities. Also parking attendants and a security force have been acquired. Renovation was done in the choir stand to accommodate a set of drums.

It has been observed that many people who came to worship had to be turned away because there was no seating space for them. It was suggested that the Youth Movement be held downstairs and the J.H. Peppers Chapel was then converted to additional worship space by installing a seven foot color close-circuit television. The television was first

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Shaw University Inaugurates 12th President



President Talbert O. Shaw

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw will be inaugurated as Shaw University's twelfth president on Friday, November 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Outstanding and distinguished ministers, educators, entertainers and many other guests from across the country are expected to participate in the weekend that also will include alumni activities celebrating Founder's Day/Homecoming in the 123rd year of this historic institution of higher education.

Dr. Shaw was selected by the Shaw Board of Trustees from among more than 65 candidates for the position. He came to Shaw University after having served nine years as dean of arts and sciences at the Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Since his appointment in November, 1987, the new president has made some significant achievements on behalf of the university, including constructive contacts and relationships with the Raleigh/Durham business, corporate, social and political communities; financial contributions; church relations; and significant outreach efforts for national and international contacts in the corporate world.

President Shaw announced recently that the federal government

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastor, Moderators, Presidents of the District convention, District Unions and members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

On October 25-26, 1988, all roads in the state will lead to the two days session of the General Baptist State Convention, which will be held at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, Dr. W.T. Bigelow, pastor. Again, I am asking all pastors to lead their churches to give their full support and cooperation in doing the following things:

1. Encourage members and friends to attend in order to get first hand information on the goals and the objectives of the Convention.

2. Bring or send a large contribution for the objectives: State Missions, Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions and the Central Children's Home.

3. Pray for the leaders and workers of the Convention as we seek to make plans for its future growth and promote its work across the state.

We urge all pastors to be present on the first day, Tuesday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m. for the Moderator workshop. On Tuesday afternoon, we will have Institutional overtures, and the General Board meeting.

The evening program will consist of a theme address, welcome by the Host church, and a sermon. An Evangelist service will begin at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday morning will consist of a devotional period, followed by: Reports of committees, General Board, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Convention; directions from the Presidents of Auxiliaries of the General Baptist State Convention, the President message; Final Reports and adjournment.

This two days session promises to be a great session with your help and cooperation.

The Unified Plan

Several years ago the leaders of the General Baptist State Convention, recognizing that support of the Convention's objectives were unorganized, unstructured, and unaware of the how and the why of giving, came up with an organized method which was labeled THE UNIFIED PLAN. It was designed to systematize the support of objectives so that each dollar would bring forth the greatest benefit possible. Out of that effort evolved the following proportionate — giving format:

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	44%
A. Shaw University	34%
B. Shaw Divinity School	10%
2. State Mission	30%
3. Foreign Missions	20%
4. Central Children's Home	6%

Your COMMITMENT of the UNIFIED PLAN is

A) COMMITMENT TO:

1) **Christian Education at Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School.** Many young people who otherwise would not receive an education are finding Shaw University a beacon light shining brightly and lighting a path that leads to a better life.

Most of our ministerial leaders are products of the Shaw Divinity School. Its potentials are greater than ever before.

Education means freedom. Christian Education means freedom in Christ. The 44% of the Unified Plan designated for Christian Education will return to us three fold.

2) **State Missions.** The Baptist Headquarters functions as a coordinating agency for the constituents of the GBSC. Without it, Baptist would be like a strange animal with many bodies and no head. The Baptist Headquarters functions as an administrative unit, organizing into a coherent whole Evangelism, Church Missions, Church Extension, and Building, Institutional Ministries, Cooperative Ministries, Christian Education, etc.

The 30% of the UNIFIED PLAN designed for State Missions brings forth a harvest whose value cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

3) **Foreign Missions.** The Voice of Dr. W.C. Somerville is heard in the land saying "No one should hear the gospel preached twice before everyone has heard it once." The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, the recipient of our foreign mission aid, expects us to help it spread the gospel to the utmost parts of the earth.

The 20% of the UNIFIED DOLLAR designated "FOREIGN MISSIONS" has helped provide support for missions in Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria, including the creation of new churches and the developments of hospitals, clinics, schools and seminaries. Through words and deeds our efforts have promoted the spreading of the gospel.

4) **The Central Children's Home.** Christianity has always felt a responsibility to children who, through one way or another, has been denied that home background and family relationship and spiritual growth. The Central Children's Home had striven valiantly to provide that atmosphere. Members of the GBSC were in on that effort from the beginning. Our 6%, allotted under the UNIFIED PLAN, helps provide food, clothing, shelter, education and recreational activities for the children of the home. We are giving these children an opportunity to develop, grow and glow.

Unity

I have seen during my tenure a great movement toward "reducing the multitude to unity." I have witnessed the pleasantries which come from seeing more of our "brothers dwell in unity." Now much of this unity thrust has been made concrete in the growing support of the UNIFIED PLAN. But we cannot rest on our laurels. True, much has been accomplished but much remains to be achieved. It would be failing short of our commitment to the task if we were satisified knowing that some churches, some conventions, some associations have not reached the zenith of giving the UNIFIED WAY.

We do not equate financial support with Christian Stewardship, but it does serve as a gauge. And when you are willing to support with loyalty and with love programs that benefit people beyond your congregation, you are expressing Christian Stewardship in its highest concrete form.

Give the UNIFIED WAY for it is a Christian way of accounting for your stewardship.

U Togetherness
N Fellowship
I Equals Strength
T Productiveness
Y Giving the Unified Way

We have made arrangements for you to lodge at the Holiday Inn Motel at a special rate of $32.00 single and $36.00 double plus tax. This is in the Headquarters Motel.

It is important that you call and make reservations on or before October 15, 1988. Please indicate that you are a member of the General Baptist State Convention in order to get this rate. The Holiday Inn is located on 3460 Hillsborough Road, Durham, North Carolina, 919/383-1551. From interstate Highway I-85, exit off on (15 and 501).

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



WHAT IS ARTHRITIS

The word arthritis literally means inflammation of a joint.

However, it is widely used to cover close to 100 different conditions which cause aching and pain in joints and connective tissues throughout the body, not all of them necessarily involving inflammation.

Inflammation is the key thing that happens in the most serious forms of arthritis. Inflammation—which shows itself as heat, swelling, redness and pain—is the way the body reacts to injury—the way it reacts when something is damaging it. In arthritis, inflammation itself is damaging.

Starting with an injury inside the joint or somewhere else, there is an inflammatory reaction, which causes more damage, which increases the inflammation, which in turn causes still more damage.

The damage that occurs changes the bones and other tissues of the joints, making them stiff, sometimes distorting them, and sometimes making normal movement difficult.

Chronic disease. It is extremely important to understand that, like diabetes and heart disease, for example, the major forms of arthritis are *chronic.* This means the condition, once started, continues, usually for life. It means that one does not "heal up as good as new," as after a common cold, measles or a cut in the skin. It means that whatever damage takes place may remain permanently . . . and tend to get worse unless proper precautions are taken to prevent it. It means that treatment must continue on and on.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION SERVICES

The Arthritis Foundation is the only national voluntary health organization which is trying to *do* something about this crippling disease problem, a disease long taken for granted and neglected. Its programs include support for scientific research, training of arthritis specialists, public information and education about arthritis, and help for arthritis sufferers in their own communities.

Information and Help. State and local chapters of the Arthritis Foundation exist first and foremost to answer people's questions about arthritis, and to help them. They are clearinghouses for information about the disease and what to do about it. They distribute authoritative booklets and leaflets. They can help guide you to specialists in arthritis treatment, to clinics, to other local health agencies and authorities who are prepared to assist you with your arthritis problems—both physical and economic. If your chapter can't give you the help you need directly, it will refer you to someone who can.

Community Services. Chapters of the Arthritis Foundation encourage and support a great variety of local services for arthritis victims. These include arthritis clinics, home care programs, rehabilitation services, mobile consultant units. They include the multiple medical teamwork services that are needed for immediate and long-term care and treatment for chronic arthritis, from diagnosis to rehabilitation.

Arthritis is discouraging in itself. Trying to find someone somewhere who really knows how to help, without a big runaround, is equally discouraging. Your Foundation chapter works to increase the number of people expert in arthritis treatment and the number of places where expert treatment is available. It is dedicated to helping you find them wherever they are.

The Arthritis Foundation—and your chapter of it—are doing all they can about this disease. Much more could be done if people gave it top priority for action. Contributed funds are needed, of course. Equally needed are volunteers, people who will work through their Foundation chapters to ease human suffering and to eliminate this widespread, chronic and disabling disease.

LOCATION OF CHAPTERS OF THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

There are chapters of the Foundation throughout the country. If you can't locate one near you, write to Arthritis Foundation, 3400 Peachtree Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30326, and ask where it is.

In North Carolina, Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 2505, Durham, N.C. 27705-2505, 1-800-672-0949.

Drug Abuse: The Church Cannot Keep Silent

The recent Olympic games in Seoul, South Korea have reminded us once again of the enormous drug abuse problem that faces our world. Several of the world's greatest athletes have been disqualified because of drug abuse. Our local news media is full of crime reports that stem from drug use, and trafficking. Law enforcement agents indicate that the drug problem is the greatest threat to order in our society.

As President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I am calling on all General Baptist Moderators, Pastors, Ministers, Officers, Members, and friends to increase drug education among our constituents. The church cannot keep silent about this growing problem.

Peer pressure has caused many of our young people to begin using drugs. School officials report that drugs have invaded elementary, junior, and senior high schools. We are told that drugs are being sold on school property; several teachers have been arrested for selling drugs to their students. Drugs are evil, they are tools of satan and as Christians God calls us to stand, "in the name of Jesus Christ," against this problem.

One of the most abused drugs by people today is cocaine.

What is cocaine?

Cocaine is a drug extracted from the leaves of the coca plant which grows in South America. Like the amphetamines, it is a central nervous system stimulant. Cocaine appears in several different forms. Cocaine hydrochloride is the most available form of the drug and is used medically as a local anesthetic. It is usually a fine white crystal-like powder, although at times it comes in larger pieces which on the "street" are called "rocks." Cocaine is usually sniffed or snorted into the nose, although some users inject it or smoke a form of the drug called freebase.

Another form of the drug is coca paste. It is a crude product that is smoked in South America. It may be especially dangerous because it also consists of contaminants such as kerosene which can cause lung damage.

What are some physical dangers of cocaine use?

Occasional use can cause a stuffy or runny nose, while chronic snorting can ulcerate the mucous membrane of the nose. Injecting cocaine with unsterile equipment can cause hepatitis or other infections. Furthermore, because preparation of freebase involves the use of volatile solvents, deaths and serious injuries from fire or explosion can occur. Though few people realize it, overdose deaths can occur when the drug is injected, smoked, or even snorted. Deaths are a result of multiple seizures followed by respiratory and cardiac arrest.

Can people become dependent on cocaine?

Yes. It is a very dangerous, dependence-producing drug. People use cocaine repeatedly because they like its effects and can get to the point of centering their lives around seeking and using the drug. Smoking freebase increases this risk of dependence. Sometimes people who have been using the drug over a period of time continue to use it in order to avoid the depression and fatigue they would feel if they stopped using the drug.

What can you do in your local church to fight drug abuse?

1) Enter into special periods of prayer and meditation. Prayer changes things.

2) Organize drug awareness committees in your church.

3) Have drug education programs on a regular basis.

4) Establish links with local, county, state, and national resource agencies; for example, Health and Human Services Program of the General Baptist State Convention, counseling centers, drug awareness programs, law enforcement agencies, social services, etc.

5) Help rehabilitate members in your congregation that have drug abuse problems.

6) Work with other churches in your area to provide community based support groups for drug abusers.

7) Show compassion, love, forgiveness, and sensitivity to those with drug abuse problems.

We must not keep silent about the drug abuse problem. If help is not available in your area please contact me or Mr. Curtis Jackson, Director of our Health and Human Services Program 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C., 27601, 919/821-7466. Keep the faith, there is no problem God cannot solve.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

"A Look At The 104th Session of the WBH&FMC"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



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The 104th Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention:

Focusing On The Past, Present, and Future Of Our Unfinished Task

By Ms. Augusta White

Approximately one thousand persons were present for the sounding of the gravel for the 104th Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention by Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President, on Tuesday afternoon. The tone for the opening session was set by an inspirational devotion. The scripture was read by Mrs. Kathelene Thompson, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and prayer by Mrs. Ethel Rhoads Smith. Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte led the group in singing "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus."

An impressive Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. Pauline Anderson of Greenville.

President Edwards stated that our meeting will be quite different from our usual sessions because we are meeting as a "Family" this week. "We shall be abbreviating our activities, but we are glad to have you here. The 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference will be held in Wilson County, Saturday, November 5, 1988, at Fike High School with the Wilson County Union as host. The Family Mission Conference will be held in Salisbury at First Calvary Baptist Church September 24th. We want to continue to support the objectives. One objective is the Shaw Divinity School. They are on a new campus and they have a new project, buying bricks. If you purchase bricks, send the money to Dr. Brodie in order for the Woman's Convention to get the credit and she will send it to the proper place. Keep the Woman's Convention alive wherever you are."

Convention directions were given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "On Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the 104th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention will reconvene and President Edwards will give her address. Dr. Humphrey will speak Wednesday morning. The following books will be studied this year: for the youth, **Moral Issues: If Christ Is Lord**, $1.31, and **Christian Stewardship In Action** for both the Young Adults and Seniors. The price is $3.15. The theme will be "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Christian Stewardship."

Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, First Vice President, called the Wednesday afternoon session to order as a packed audience of approximate 2500 or more persons stood during the procession of the Executive members and officers dressed in white marched in and took their places. It was a beautiful sight to look out over the audience of people dressed in white who came by buses, vans and cars for the Wednesday session to hear President Humphrey and President Edwards address the Convention. The opening song "I Love To Tell The Story" was sung with a lot of spirit. Scripture was read by Mrs. Hazel Lewis and prayer by Ms. Jennie Brown. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was sung by the conventional choir, directed by Waverly Camp with Mrs. Nancy Young at the piano and Donald Crawford at the organ. Dr. Humphrey presented Governor Martin for greetings from North Carolina.

The theme discussion was by Ms. Rhonda Reynolds and Dr. Darryl Patterson. Ms. Rhonda Reynolds stated that as Baptists we should not look back but look forward to God and let Him use us. "All Christians in the church have something to do. We should work together to finish the challenge. Some of us have weaknesses, but we should look to God for strength and guidance to help us be strong. The home is the cornerstone for the family. Teenagers should not listen to peer pressure because it will lead you astray. God wants us to reach out and help those who need help. We should love what is good and work hard for God in order to complete the Unfinished Challenge of Stewardship."

Darryl Patterson stated that stewardship means giving a tenth of your time, talent and money:

"1. Finance — If you give one tenth of your gross income there will be enough money for God's work.

"2. Time — Your time is valuable to stewardship: visit the sick, the prisoners and the alcoholics. God gives you 24 hours to work; why not use some time for Christ?

"3. Talents — All of us have a talent. Realize what your talent is and use it."

"O I Want To See Him, Look Upon His Face" was sung by the conventional choir.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, was presented for her annual report. "Let us be reminded that we are blessed again to meet in another annual session. Thanks be to you and to God for your sustaining help, even though we have a few weeks to go before the end of the fiscal year.

"Our budget for last year was $487,401.00. From September 1, 1987-June 30, 1988, we have received $330,864.04. The amount needed is $156,536.96. Sometimes, you send your checks to the Unified Program and we do not get any of it, so please send your checks made out to the Woman's Baptist State Convention. Let us not forget that God challenges us to work for the Unfinished Task: Christian Stewardship. Our proposed budget is $517,955.30 for next year. We have gone over a half million dollars, but with God's help and yours we can reach it."

Reflections and Promotions were by Mrs. Julias McDonald and Mrs. Elfreida Brooks. Mrs. McDonald, Young Adult Director, stated "I shall never forget the warm and touching expression of God's love and your friendship as I assumed the office of Young Adult Director four years ago. If there has been success, any progress, or good done, God is the one who deserves the praise. There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no disease that enough love will not heal; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love will not bridge; no wall that enough love will not penetrate; no sin that enough love will not redeem. It makes no difference how deeply seeded the trouble, how hopeless the outlook, how muddled the tangle, how great the mistake, a sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all.

"At the close of this All Baptist Assembly I humbly discharge my tenure of office as Young Adult Director with a sense of humility and appreciation. At this time I would like to present Blanche and Kevin Wimberly to be promoted to the Senior Department. It is my hope that they will find a place in the Senior Department."

Mrs. Elfreida Brooks, Youth Supervisor stated: "There is a time for all things. It is time for me to give my final report as Youth Supervisor of this great convention. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Youth Supervisor. The work was both challenging and rewarding. I have enjoyed working under Past President Horton and President Edwards. Thanks to Dr. Brodie and the office staff for their understanding and help.

"I am happy to promote Scott Garris and Ivan Davis to the Young Adult Department."

President Edwards presented plaques to Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Brooks from the Woman's Convention in appreciation of the outstanding work exhibited by both in their respective roles.

Mrs. Maggie White, Third Vice President, presented Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President of the Woman's Convention, for her third Annual Address, "The Challenge of The Unfinished Task: Christian Stewardship."

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end," Amen.

"As I look out upon the scenery of this vast audience, representing the entire General Baptist State Convention Family in North Carolina, known among us as The All Baptist Assembly, I feel a fresh breeze of blessings brushing up against my soul, and my cup of thanksgiving overflows with abundant joy. Your presence, your praise and your many presentations have given a boost to my spirit which gives me new growth and fresh hope, my cup overflows. All have given me a growth of renewed spirit.

"When I think of the
greatness of Jesus;
And All He has done for me,
My soul cries out hallelujah
I thank God for saving me."

"I thank you for staying this afternoon. I thank God for this privilege that I have to speak to you for "When All us Baptists get together what a time, what a time."

"Thank you President Humphrey for your leadership of this vast organization. The Woman's Convention is committed to the causes of the General Baptist State Convention and we encourage all support groups to continue to reach upward that our mission will be completed in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"This convention sails smoothly on this tedious journey because the sails are held up by the unity of the Officers, the Executive Committee/Board, and our Year-Round Committees. Your dedication and commitment carry the kind of strength that brings about results for which I am appreciative.

"Our youth are still on the move. I commend State Supervisor Elfreida Brooks for the hard work that goes into being the supervisor demanded

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Woman's Convention Special

104th Session (Continued)

by this Convention, and the many supervisors throughout the Convention who support this department in an outstanding manner. Our youth need role models who will not withhold the truth from them about "thus saith the Lord."

"Youth you must be aware of the fact that Jesus saves, but it is with a purpose that he saves — that you will lift up His name. As you prepare for life in this world, do not forget to prepare your soul which must go back to the God who made you.

"The Young Adult Department is a quarter of a century old this year. I commend State Director Julias McDonald for her perceptive leadership for the past four years. She has directed this department with love and concern. May I challenge members of this 25 year old department to keep the work of the Convention before you.

"One hundred four years ago we were established on mission and today we continue to tell the story of Jesus. We exist for the church and not ourselves. Our goal as a Convention is to involve every church and every member in missions; to believe in and support missions.

For 104 years, this Convention has been committed to such ministries as missions, evangelism, stewardship, studying, sharing and caring. We are still committed to what needs to be done now. In fact, as a part of our theme song we sing, "To serve this present age, My calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engate, to do my Master's Will."

"It wasn't easy 104 years ago and it is not easy now, but we continue to tell the story of Jesus. We believe that the very future of the General Baptist State Convention is in the Youth and Young Departments of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. Our main purpose will remain the same **mission. Our concern is Christ in Every Home.** We are concerned about family unity. I hope it is again that the family is the focal point of our society.

"I do have concerns about the Woman's Convention. Our County Unions are not as strong as they used to be. Let us wake up and keep our Convention Alive. 'Work together sisters don't get weary, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.' Keep the Faith. I believe that those sisters in 1884 did not work in vain. **Let's not sleep on the job,** sisters. There is a momentum that is slowly reducing our strength. We just might wake up one day and not recognize ourselves as we once knew. Let's bind ourselves together in love and prayer.

The Minnie C. Lyon Infirmary:

"Last year, Sister Lyon asked the one-half of her birthday gift be used in the interest of our youth at the camp. I am happy to report that we have established a health facility known as the "Minnie C. Lyon Infirmary." We remodeled and furnished an existing building that was not in active use for this purpose. The infirmary has five rooms: a waiting room, an office-treatment room, two sick rooms, the nurse's bedroom, and one and one half bath. It is most attractive and was opened this summer for use.

"Though opened, there is still some more to be done. Thanks to several donors for their special assistance. Thanks, Sister Lyon, your name will live among North Carolina Baptists. The boys and girls thank you, also, for making it possible.

Recommendations

"1. That we renew our interest in our County and City Unions. District Conferences, Mass Meetings in order to keep our foundations from crumbling under the weight of adversity.

"2. That our Guide and Handbook be revised and ready for distribution at our One-Day Session. Sister Shirley Bullock is Chairperson and Sister Julias McDonald is Co-Chairperson.

"3. That we remember last year we adopted making the Minnie C. Lyon Birthday project a permanent one. Therefore, we urge our continuation December 25, 1988.

"4. That we support financially with more interest the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly for the sake of our children and ourselves. At a time when Blacks are losing land, we need to keep these 62 acres that belong to us.

"5. That members of the Woman's Convention keep your subscriptions to the "Baptist Informer" current in order to keep up with what is going on in our Convention.

"6. That we join with the Church Women United in support of women in captivity with emphasis on the poverty stricken and migrant mothers.

"7. That we applaud Sister Georgia Thompson at Lott Carey Woman of the year.

"8. That we applaud Sister J.B. McLester as the first black to head the N.C. Chapter of Church Women United.

"9. That we continue to support all of our objectives as well as the General Baptist State Convention."

The Fifteenth Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet

By Ms. Augusta White

Over 900 persons from across North Carolina crowded into the Benton Convention Center for the 15th Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Ministry Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Luella D. Edwards, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, President of the Convention, presided. " 'What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine' — Greetings to All of you who are present for this magnificent occasion. Please join in singing 'Our Best.' "

Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Second Vice-President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, welcomed the group. She stated, "I am humbly privileged at this time to extend a hearty welcome to each of you. We are happy to return to Winston-Salem for this occasion. We have all come with humble hearts and we are all welcome at the feet of Jesus. South Carolina has Jesse Jackson; Texas has Barbara Jordan, and we have Humphrey and Edwards. My, what a "treat" for North Carolina! When you leave tonight, I hope you will be glad you were here."

A solo "Give Us This Day" was by Master Lequinne Jenrette, Pleasant View, Shallotte.

President Edwards assisted by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, gave special recognition to the following persons for long time service to the Woman's Convention:

Mrs. Annie Bryant, Supply, N.C.; Mrs. Minerva Evans, Walstonburg; Mrs. Lillian Hall, Fayetteville; Mrs. A.C. Matthews, 104 years old, Weldon; Mrs. Pearl Miller, Wilkesboro; Mrs. Evelyn Monk, Ahoskie; Mrs. Clara Motley, Powellsville; Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Durham. (Mrs. Thompson will be honored at the Lott Carey as the "Woman of the Year.") "We Shall Behold Him" was sung by Mrs. Addie Davis, Mount Zion, Winston-Salem.

Dr. Charles R. Mosley, Pastor of First Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville, presented Dr. F.J. Boddie, Jr., Pastor, F.B.C., Newport News, Virginia, for the Annual Pre-Convention Address.

"I am not a native North Carolinian, but I have strong roots in North Carolina. We are pleased to be here to say a word for the Master.

"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task In Christian Stewardship" is an excellent theme. I am going to talk about something tonight that is not too popular. The text is taken from the 18th chapter of St. Luke 9-14 verses: And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself "God I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulteress, or even as this Publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased: and he humbleth himself shall be exalted. Everyone who exalts himself will be brought down. Him that humblest himself will be exalted. "Stop being stuck on yourself"; man was created in the image of God. He has some similarity to God, but man is not God. Sometimes man attempts to be God. When we go around talking about people, we are trying to play God. He that is among us without sin let him cast a stone at Jim Bakker. When you place himself like you are holier than thou you must be stuck on yourself. Whatever God requires of the preacher, he requires the same of the people. When you are looking for a preacher your ad says everything but someone who is a child of God. There are so many fools in the world who think they have arrived, but God will let you know that you are a nobody, but you belong to somebody.

"We need to stop selling pies and cakes and bring all the tithes into the storehouse and everything will be more than you need for your missionary work. We just have too many weak kneed ministers that will not stress tithing.

"You are your worst enemy because you let self stand in the way. Mirror, mirror on the wall whose the fairest of them all. I don't know Lord because it's not me. There are a lot of self-righteous people. You've got to be committed to Christ. I had a selfish party, but God stopped by and knocked me out. When God knocks you down, there "ain't" enough pastors out there to pick you up. Jesus has assured me that I will have life and have it more abundantly."

Following the address, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the WBH&FMC, electrified the audience with her rendition of "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me."

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1988 WBH&FMC Banquet speaker Dr. F.J. Boddie, Jr., Pastor First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia.

Woman's Convention Special Continued

to raise those matching funds from corporations, foundations, churches, alumni and friends of the university.

Below is a schedule highlighting the Homecoming/Inaugural events.

has agreed to grant two million dollars for endowment funds to Shaw if the university will match the grant with one million dollars by June, 1989. Shaw University is now seeking



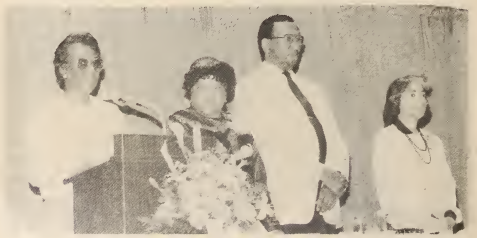
First Vice President, Young Adult Department discusses theme.



Presentation of plaques for tenured service; L to R: President Edwards, Young Adult Director, Julias McDonald and Youth Supervisor Brooks.



Women honored by President Edwards; L-R: Mrs. Clara Motley, Mrs. Evelyn Monk, Mrs. Pearl Miller, Mrs. A.C. Matthews, Mrs. Maxwell Grier, Mrs. Patricia H. Boddie (standing for her mother M.B. Hall), Ms. Cornelia Fennll, Mrs. Annie Bryant, Mrs. Georgia Thompson (in wheel chair).



Mrs. Colene B. Stanley address 1988 WBH&FMC Banquet, L to R: Mrs. Stanley , Dr. Edwards, Dr. C.R. Edwards (spouse of President), Dr. P.A. Brodie.

The Story In Pictures



President Luella Edwards addresses the Woman's Convention.



The Honorable Jim Martin, Governor greets the WBH&FMC.



Rhonda Reynolds, Youth President, discusses theme.



President J.B. Humphrey, GBSC, brings greetings to WBH&FMC.

A Last Look At The 1988 All Baptist Assembly















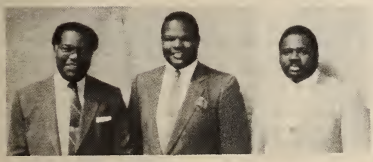




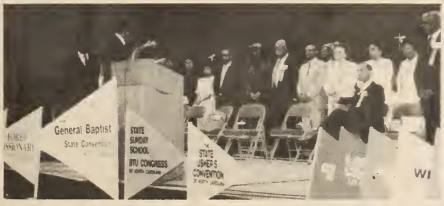












STATE MISSION

Dr. Bigelow (Continued from page 1)

perated on April 4, 1976. Since that ime the J.H. Peppers Chapel has been remodeled and merged with he main sanctuary of the church. Re- novation was completed in February 985 to accommodate still more people. Additional parking space was needed so the church purchased another lot to convert into parking pace. Our pastor is also responsible or the long distance traveling of the hurch, whereby once a year, he and us loads of members and friends worship at another church in a dis- ant city. At one time in an effort to pread the gospel in song, two buses were purchased to make it conve- nient for the choirs and organiza- ions to travel. The buses served for over two years. May 22, 1983 marked he first annual LAW ENFORCE- MENT DAY here at Greater Saint Paul. The Law Enforcers of Durham and vicinity are in total charge of the 11:00 a.m. Service, which is held every fourth Sunday in May.

Prior to coming to Durham, Dr. Bigelow pastored the First Baptist Church in Apex, N.C. for eight years. He is a native of Greensboro, N.C. and is married to the former Lillian Hughes. He is the father of three, Ronnie, Patricia and Steve, and has six grandchildren. He holds the Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology and the Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from the United Christian College at Goldsboro, N.C.; the Doctor of Divinity degree from the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg, VA; and the Doctor of Divinity de- gree from Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. He is an active member of the General Baptist State Convention; Baptist Pastors Conference at Columbus, OH; the Lott Carey Bap- tist Foreign and Home Missionaries; and the National Baptist Evangelis- tic Association. He is a member of the faculty at Shaw Divinity School. He is past moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association. He is a member of the faculty at Shaw Divin- ity School. He is past moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association. He is referred to by many as the "Radio Pastor" and each Sunday morning over radio station WSRC, for 29 years, he has broadcasted the International Sunday School Lesson at 7:00 a.m. Dr. Bigelow is a recording artist with sermons, prayers and meditations published nationwide. He is a renown national evangelist and has also conducted revival for the United States Air Force in Frankfurt, Germany. He is also the author of 'EVANGELISM — A BROAD OPEN VIEW,' published in 1983 for which he has obtained a copyright. His hobbies include: ranching (he and his sons buy and train show horses), riding horses, making his ranch available to church membership for cook-outs and motorcycling. One of his biggest con- cerns is "AM I REALLY HELPING ANYONE." But with all the achieve- ments to his credit, there is no won- der that this man of God is a blessing to this city and throughout the na- tion. May God continue to use and direct his pathway as he leads this Christian body on to victory.

HIS MOTTO: "GIVE GOD THE GLORY"

In Dr. Bigelow's 31 years of pastor- ing, he has built three churches with his name in each cornerstone. He has organized auxiliaries at New Hope and First Baptist of Apex, N.C. After coming to the then St. Paul Mission- ary Baptist Church, now the Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Bigelow has instituted many new programs that have proven effective.

He is a Tour Host for the Wholesale Tours of New York and has led many Christians through the lands that our Lord traveled in Jerusalem. He has been approached by several other Tour Companies to serve them, but due to his commit- ment to Wholesale Tours, has de- clined.

Dr. Bigelow is known for his evangelistic work throughout the United States and has been ap- proached by the Chaplain of the US Air Force at Frankfurt, Germany to serve once again.

He has received many keys to many cities by the mayors for his out- standing ministerial service. He was invited to Washington, DC by Rev. Jesse Jackson who appointed him as one of the directors of the Eastern Region for the Rainbow Coalition. Governor Jim Hunt honored him dur- ing an anniversary program for his services to the North Carolina Com- munity.

In reference to our Law Enforce- ment Day held annually, Dr. Bigelow first saw a need for the representa- tives of the law and the representa- tives of religion to come together in an effort to strengthen the bond be- tween leaders and citizens of the Durham Community and surround- ing counties. Sheriff John Baker, Sheriff Roland Leary, and the former Chief Lassiter of the Durham Public Safety Department have worked to- gether untiringly to see that this is successful. This is a time when the Law Enforcers of Durham and sur- rounding communities come and handle the entire worship service from the pulpit to the door. Many other churches have began to insti- tute this into their program for they to have seen the need for the two to come together to create a better image.

Dr. Bigelow is now in the process of obtaining plans for an additional fellowship hall which is to be con- structed with the parking lot under- neath.

Whenever Dr. Bigelow has a spare moment, which we must say is not often, he spends that time horseback riding, training show horses with his sons, or just plain ranching. Dr. Bigelow is known by many of his friends as "THE ROCKING DOC AND THE WESTERN REB."

But certainly his many works speak for him. He is a Man of God.

(Tentative Program 1988 Fall Session of GBSC)

Tuesday, October 25, 1988

10:00-11:30	Moderator's Workshop
11:00	Sermon...Dr. S.T. Churns, Sr.
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Devotional Period
	Institutional Overtures
	Shaw University
	Shaw Divinity School
	Central Children Home
	Lott Carey Convention
	Cooperative Ministries
4:00	General Board Meeting
5:30	Dinner
7:00	Devotional Period
	Theme Address...Rev. C.E. Johnson, Sr.
7:30	Welcome Program...Host Church
8:00	Music
	Offering
	Special Announcements
	Presentation of Minister
	Sermon...Rev. Arlee Griffin
	Invitation Hymn..
	Benediction

Wednesday, October 26, 1988

9:00 a.m.	Devotional Period
	Report of Committees
	Report from General Board
	Report Executive Secretary-Treasurer-Woman's Convention
	Report Executive Secretary-Treasurer — GBSC
	Presidents of Auxiliaries of GBSC
11:30 a.m.	Presidential Message
1:00 p.m.	Final Report
	Adjournment

Schedule of Inaugural And Homecoming Events

November 13, 16-20, 1988

Sunday, November 13, 1988	
8:00 p.m.	Gala Pre-Inaugural Choral Concert, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
Wednesday, November 16, 1988	
10:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting — Board of Trustees
8:00 p.m.	Coronation of Miss Shaw University
Thursday, November 17, 1988	
12:00 noon	Luncheon (Alumni & Friends) Union Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Graveside Ceremony Bell Tower
2:00 p.m.	Founder's Day Convocation Memorial Auditorium
5:00 p.m.	Meeting of Reunion Classes Student Union
7:00 p.m.	Hall of Fame Banquet Union Ballroom
Friday, November 18, 1988	
10:00 a.m.	Registration of Delegates Learning Resources Center
11:30 a.m.	Inaugural Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	Robing of Delegates Learning Resources Center Formation of Academic Procession
2:30 p.m.	Inauguration Ceremony Memorial Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	President's Reception Union Ballroom
8:00 p.m.	Presidential Inaugurual Endowment Banquet: An Evening with Shirley Caesar and Friends ($75 per person) North Raleigh Hilton, Grand Ballroom
Saturday, November 19, 1988	
8:00 a.m.	Alumni Meeting International Studies Building
10:00 a.m.	Parade
2:00 p.m.	Basketball Game
7:00 p.m.	Alumni Banquet Union Ballroom
9:00 p.m.	Alumni Cabaret
Sunday, November 20, 1988	
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service University Church

Plan To Attend GBSC Fall Session October 25-26 at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Pastor

NEWS AROUND THE STATE



Publicity Committee Chairman Receives Doctorate

Pictured above the Reverend Dr. David Collins Forbes, Sr. and his lovely wife after Dr. Forbes received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Shaw University. Dr. Forbes currently serves as pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. Shaw University cited Dr. Forbes, as a loyal alumnus, gospel minister, community leader, civil rights activist, and community developer. Dr. Forbes is also deeply involved in the area of the sociology of religion. Dr. Forbes oversees the work and publication of the Baptist Informer.

First Baptist Church Statesville Hosts Statewide NAACP Convention

By Dr. J.C. Harris
Branch Coordinator

STATESVILLE, NC — As pastor of the First Baptist Church Statesville we are proud to host the 1988 Annual Session of the NAACP Convention. October 20-22, 1988. NAACP leaders across the state are calling on all Branches to come to Statesville in large numbers. I want to make a special plea to our General Baptist Family, the NAACP needs your support and help. Let us not forget one of the bridges that brought us across troubled waters, and deep ravens.

Several prominent Pastors will participate in the Ministers Day Session, Thursday, October 20, 1988. Dr. Webster Lytle, Pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church, Hickory, NC, will deliver the opening Convention Challenge at 10 o'clock a.m., Thursday morning. Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, and Moderator of the Rowan Missionary Baptist Association will speak at the Ministers Luncheon, Thursday at 12 noon at the Ramada Inn on Interstate Highway 77.

Friday's Session will be highlighted by greetings from Dr. Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, Baltimore, MD, and the Rev. Bishop H.H. Brookins, AME Church, Washington, D.C. On Saturday state elections will be held.

For years the NAACP has led in the struggle for LIBERATION and JUSTICE in America. The Association has a long and noble history dating back to February 12, 1909, when the grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, Oswald Garrison Villard, wrote a call urging all believers in democracy to join in a national conference



Dr. J.C. Harris

for "the renewal of the struggle for civil and political liberty" to be held in New York City. In our own state it was the NAACP that led the battle to desegregate public schools, housing, and accommodations. The NAACP fought for voting rights for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin.

I am honored to host this historic session and I thank God that He has enabled me to continue the struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. We have marched many miles; we have appealed before many courts of law; we have had our homes bombed; we have seen crosses burn; our forepatents were lynched, beaten, tarred and feathered; yet as you come together in Statesville, "Lift your voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty. . ."

Again, I join other NAACP leaders in asking each Branch to COME TO STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, October 20-22, 1988.

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Miss Blanding Attends A&T State University

By Mrs. Janie Clayton

Cordelia Blanding, second place winner in the Senior Division of the Wertz Oratorical Contest of the GBSC, now attends A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. Miss Blanding is the daughter of Reverend & Mrs. Lincoln Blanding of Lillington, NC. She graduated from Harnett Central High School, Angier, NC, there she served as Senior Class secretary and earned numerous awards. Among these awards are: Perfect Attendance Award (4 years); Outstanding Bus Driver's Award; and Honors Chorus Award. She also serves as News Editor on the school newspaper.

After participating in the Wertz Oratorical Contest Cordelia stated that, "participating in the Wertz Oratorical contest helped me to be more outgoing throughout high school." She feels that the experience will also benefit her in college. Cordelia is grateful to the Department of Christian Education of the GBSC for providing the opportunity for her to participate in the annual contest.



Cordelia S. Blanding

Wertz Contestant Enters College

By Mrs. Janice Clayton

Mark Bibbs, third place winner in the James Wertz Oratorical Contest, has recently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenzie Bibbs of Kings Mountain, NC. Mark served as Student Body President and also President of the Senior Class at Bessemer City High School during the past year. He now serves as President of the Youth Auxiliary of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association and is also 1st Vice President of the Youth Auxiliary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. Mark is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church which is pastored by the Reverend Dr. D.C. Wilson.

We are proud of the many participants in the James Wertz Oratorical Contest over the years and encourage our General Baptist State Convention churches to send participants for the annual contest.

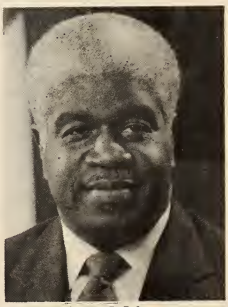
Aaron J. Johnson, Secretary N.C. Department of Correction

By Archie Logan, Editor
(Continued from last month)

Aaron J. Johnson was sworn-in as the sixth Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Correction on January 7, 1985. (The department had been known as the Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control prior to its name change in 1974). During his tenure over the third largest department in state government, Secretary Johnson has presided over a concerted effort to make North Carolina's correctional system just, humane, and constitutionally defensible. He has sought to standardize policies and procedures used throughout the department. He has also been a tireless advocate for programs that enhance the prospects for successful rehabilitation of offenders placed by the courts under the supervision of the Department of Correction.

A native of Willard in Pender County, Secretary Johnson was born on March 6, 1933. He received a B.A. degree in Social Studies from Shaw University in 1957. He also received a B.D. degree in Theology from the Shaw University School of Religion in 1960. Secretary Johnson also engaged in post-graduate studies at Southeastern Theological Seminary.

In addition to serving as Secretary of the Department of Correction, Mr. Johnson has remained as pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Fayetteville; a post he has held since



Aaron J. Johnson

1960. He is a former administrator of the Mount Sinai Foundation, Inc. and of the Mount Sinai School of Fayetteville. Secretary Johnson has also worked as supervisor of community services and as a community relations consultant with the North Carolina Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Johnson was elected to three terms as a member of the Fayetteville City Council (1979-85). He served as Mayor Protem from 1983-85. Other civic and political activities include service as chairman of the board of directors of Operation

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Dedication Of Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Johns Road, Laurinburg, N.C., dedicated its new church building on July 10, 1988. The building includes a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 500, classrooms, dining area, kitchen and offices.

The building was constructed by the Revels Construction Company, St. Pauls, N.C., next door to the old sanctuary. The total construction cost including furnishings and necessary land purchase exceeds $275,000.00.

The Dedication services began on Wednesday evening, July 6th with the Rev. J.F. Kelly and his congregation from First Baptist Church, Marston, N.C. On Thursday evening, Rev. S. Faison and his congregation from Unionville Baptist Church, Laurinburg, rendered the service. Rev. Sidney Locks and Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Lumberton rendered the service on Friday evening. Rev. Robert Milhouse, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Monroe, N.C., was the guest speaker for the membership banquet on Saturday evening.

The Dedication services was concluded on Sunday with Dr. Howard D. Davis, pastor, delivering the morning message. Members, friends, and visitors were served dinner. The Trustees of the church prepared the pig-picking meat and fried chicken.

At 3:30 p.m., the formal dedication of the new building took place with the Rev. Dr. C.R. Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville and past president of GBSC of NC delivering the afternoon message. The Combined Choirs of Jones Chapel rendered the music. Special guests also included city and county officials.



Dr. Howard Davis

A Dedication Souvenir booklet was prepared for the special occasion by the Dedication Committee. One of the highlights during the service was the recognition of all church members seventy years old and older. The only living charter member, Sis. Mattie Hasty was recognized also. A special recognition was given to the New Church Building and Finance Committee. A love offering was given to Pastor Davis by members of the church.

A Fellowship Hour followed the afternoon service.

Church Building Conference

By Mrs. Dorothy G. Rodger

First Baptist Church in Morganton will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1988. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and the Program runs from 9:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Private consultations are scheduled thereafter for any individual or church group so desiring.

There is no Attendance Fee for the day — only $5.00 for a delicious, full course Lunch to be served at the church. Lunch Tickets will be purchased at the time of registration on that date. However, reservations for the Lunch and Private Consultations need to be made by Tuesday, Oct. 11. Call Dot Rodger at the Baptist State Convention, 467-5100, if a local call, or 1-800-222-8478 (Toll Free), when calling from out of Wake County. If a check is to be used for the Lunch Ticket, it must be made out to Baptist State Convention and given to the lady selling the tickets.

As usual, there will be displays by suppliers of church furnishings and equipment; also bond program companies, contractors, and some by architects.

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Secretary Johnson has a wife, Mattie, and two children, Dezette and Jamale. The Johnsons reside in Fayetteville.

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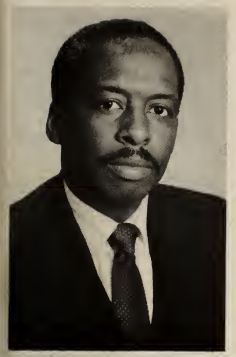
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Mr. Curtis Jackson, Director, Health and Human Services Progam, GBSC

Death Before Life: The Tragedy Of Mortality

*Compiled by Mr. Curtis Jackson, MPH

This issue of the **Baptist Informer** has several articles on health care. I would like to thank President J.B. Humphrey for his article on drug abuse and Editor Logan for his article on Arthritis.

Another health problem facing General Baptist Baptist is **Infant Mortality.**

It is a shocking fact that, in saving the lives of babies, America ranks 15th among the nations of the world. Each year 40,000 American infants are dead before their first birthday.

We want the dying to end, and we are convinced it can be ended. It is *not* inevitable that the grave and the cradle be one and the same for thousands of American infants.

EVERY MOTHER AND EVERY BABY MUST BE ABLE TO GET THE HEALTH CARE THEY NEED

Universal Access

Every baby should have the right to a healthy start in life. No pregnant woman or infant should go without preventive health services because avenues to care are blocked. Front-end maternity and early infant care are matters of life and death. They are far too important to allow anyone to fall through the cracks. Unless we make a commitment to providing universal access to maternity and infant care, the financial and human cost of infant mortality and morbidity will continue to climb. So will the cost to society of supporting the care and treatment of unhealthy children who, through no fault of their own, grow up with long-term disabilities or have difficulty becoming self-supporting adults.



AND SPEND TIME ALONE IN PRAYER

The HHSP holds that every pregnant woman and infant should be able to get the health care they need.

•There must be no financial barriers to care.

The health of a pregnant woman or infant should never depend solely on wealth. Health care should not be limited to those with the ability to pay. To the maximum extent possible, the private sector should make available health insurance coverage, with the government being the provider of last resort as resources become available.

•There must be no geographic or administrative barriers to care.

In some rural areas, the closest health care facilities are hundreds of miles away. Often, mothers and infants needing help have no way of getting to or from a clinic.

Women seeking to enter medical or other public assistance programs are often forced to wait as long as 30 to 60 days while their case is considered. Often, pregnant mothers and their small children must wait hours to receive much needed services. Many mothers just give up out of frustration.

Where no services are available, public health departments or local hospitals should establish them. Where there are long forms to fill out, waiting lists, hard to reach clinics, poor transportation, lack of child care services, or other administrative barriers to care, agencies should knock down those barriers.

•We must provide early care that is high-quality, readily accessible, and appropriate to the health risks presented.

Pregnant women and infants must be guaranteed maternity and infant care as early as possible—women as soon as they know they are pregnant, infants as soon as they are born. Health services—prenatal, delivery, and pediatric—should be coordinated, comprehensive, sensitive to cultural differences, and consistent with accepted health care standards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Two major steps must be taken immediately if the United States is to activate our fight against infant mortality and if we are to assure our children and mothers the health and well-being that are their right.

FIRST, we must provide universal access to early maternity and pediatric care for all mothers and infants. The existing financial, administrative, logistical, geographical, educational, and social barriers to essential health services for pregnant women and infants must be eliminated. Employers must make available health insurance coverage that includes maternity and well-baby care. Government must assume responsibility for those who lack private insurance or are unable to pay.

SECOND, we must initiate immediately a sustained, broadbased effort to make the health and well-being of mothers and infants a national priority and give them the public attention and resources they deserve.

These broad courses of action are the major recommendations of this report. To implement these goals, federal, state, and local governments, business and industry, community organizations, and the public and private sector health care communities must assume the responsibility for specific actions. The recommendations offered in this report represent a strategy which can make a difference.

For more information contact me at Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C., 27601, 919/821-7466.

***Material from The National Commission to prevent Infant Mortality, August 1988.**

Helps In Preparing The Sunday School Lesson



Rev. Terry Thomas

By Rev. Terry Thomas
Associate Editor
I. Introduction

Here it is again Saturday night and I haven't had time to prepare my Sunday School lesson. Oh Lord! what am I going to do? Well, if this is you, I would like to share with you a plan, to help you avoid Saturday nights Sunday School Teacher's blues.

This plan includes six small tasks, that are to be done independently Monday through Saturday, to help you prepare the lesson. Each task should not require anymore than 30 minutes of your time. But before we jump into the first task on Monday, starting thinking, Sunday night, about the upcoming Sunday morning. Think about the responsibility that has been given to you; be grateful that God has smiled upon you by giving you the opportunity to teach His word. As you think about your responsibility, feel helpless; feel unqualified to do it; know that it is not by your power nor your might, but it is by the Spirit of the living God which will enable you to teach. Then pray; asking God to help you and reveal unto you the mystery of His word. ALWAYS BEGIN LESSON PREPARATION WITH PRAYER and SPIRITUAL MEDITATION.

The tasks to be performed Monday through Saturday are as follows:

Task 1

Monday: Read the entire Sunday School lesson, the Background Scripture and the Printed Portion. If the book that you are studying from is not lengthy, read the entire book otherwise read at least two chapters before and after the Printed Text. If you have a Bible that give reference text, look at those scriptures also. Monday task ends by writing down all the words that you don't understand and of course look them up. The objective of first task is to get a feel for the lesson.

Task 2

Tuesday: Take 10 minutes, sitting still, for a reflection on what you read on Monday; allowing the Holy Spirit to teach you and shed some light on what you have read. It may even be good to have a piece of paper available to take notes. You got to get into the Spirit to receive from God. John said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." Then John was told to write down the things that were revealed to him. Use the other 20 minutes to look up the historical setting. This is important in understanding the author's motives. The objective of the second task is to get a better feel for the lesson and to allow the lesson to become a part of your subconscious mind.

Task 3

Wednesday: Reread the lesson, but this time spend more time with each individual verse. Listen to the Holy Spirit as you read intensely each verse including the meaning of the words you looked up on Monday. The object of the third task is for you to begin formulating your own ideas about the lesson.

Task 4

Thursday: Read the comments on the lesson from the commentary. Compare your ideas with the ideas of the commentary. You do not necessarily have to agree with commentary's comments. However, I do believe that the Spirit of God reveals the same trues. The objective fourth task is to make sure that you are on target with the basic goal of the lesson.

Task 5

Friday: Begin pulling it all together. All of your reading, praying, meditating, researching bring it all together. Identify the main point of the lesson. Make sure that the main point of the lesson is clearly defined and the method that you will use to get the main point across is defined also. One of the best ways to do this is to develop and outline. Having an outline will point you to the direction you need to go and it will also prevent you from exiting off on the wrong subject along the way. The objective of the fifth task is to discover what you intend to convey to your class on Sunday morning.

Task 6

Saturday: Review your lesson plan in order to be familiar with your material. I recommend that you discuss with your Pastor, Superintendent or another teacher your thoughts about lesson and your lesson plan. After discussing the lesson with someone else, take note of the new insight that you might have gained. Review your lesson plan one more time to add that final touches to the lesson which is the objective of task six.

Now after you have worked hard preparing the lesson, using the plan that I just shared with you, on Sunday morning pray before you leave home. Be on time for Sunday School. When you stand to teach display a pleasant disposition and be "pumped up" to teach. Always greet your class, then pray. As you begin to teach give an introduction into the lesson, a general overview of what the lesson is all about. You can ask the audience some questions taken out of the introduction, so their minds can be open to what the lesson is all about. The answer to those questions should be discovered during the discussion of the lesson. Besides the printed text, reading should be avoided. Always listen to your students, give them an opportunity to share with class what God has placed on their hearts. Remember, avoid being too self-centered, and selfish and allow as many people as possible to share in the lesson discussion. Let God use you, as teacher, to lead others in a religious learning experience.

VACANT PULPITS

First Baptist Raleigh Seeks Pastor

First Baptist Church, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina is seeking a full-time pastor. Candidates must be:

1. An ordained minister with at least five (5) years experience as pastor of a church;
2. Missionary Baptist Denomination;
3. Preferably married;
4. Preferably between the ages of 35-55 years old;
5. Willing to relocate to Raleigh;
6. Minimum education — Master of Divinity.

Applications will be accepted until November 30, 1988.

Mail to: First Baptist Church, Mr. Charles Powell, Chairman Pulpit Committee, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

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Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 47 Eagle Street, Asheville, North Carolina is seeking a full-time minister. Candidates must be:

1. An ordained minister with at least five (5) years experience as pastor of a church;
2. Missionary Baptist Denomination;
3. Preferably married;
4. Preferably between the ages of 30-45 years old;
5. Willing to relocate to Asheville;
6. Education will be a definite factor.

Applications will be accepted until October 30, 1988.

Mail to: Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Chairperson, Pulpit Committee; 47 Eagle Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Church Pastor Needed

The Pulpit Committee of Temple Memorial Baptist Church in High Point, NC, is seeking a pastor for the church. All candidates must meet the following qualifications:

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— Experience in preaching and teaching the gospel
— Married
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— Exceptional benefits

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

JANUARY 1989

1	New Year's Day
3-7	Shaw Divinity School Registration Spring Semester, Raleigh, NC
8-9	Shaw University, Spring Semester Registration, Raleigh, NC
13	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Banquet, Raleigh, NC
14	Woman's State Conven. Mid-Year Session, Civic Center, Raleigh, NC
16	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: HOLIDAY
16-20	National Baptist Mid-Year Baton Rouge, LA
16-20	Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year, New Orleans, LA
21	Shaw Divinity School Orientation Assembly, Raleigh, NC
24	Christian Education Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC 10 a.m.
24	Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC 12 noon
28	Usher's Convention, Executive Board, Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 1989

4	Woman's State Conven. Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
11	One-Day Session SS and BTU Congress, Raleigh, NC
15	Mission Training Conf. Shaw Divinity School Raleigh, NC
12-15	Shaw University, Religious Emphasis Week
25	One-Day Session Usher's Convention Fayetteville, NC

North Carolina General Baptist Make History esident Humphrey & Executive Secretary Craig ead Convention Stewardship Past 2 Million $$ Mark In Giving



Humphrey



Craig

By Archie D. Logan Jr.
Editor

DURHAM, NC — President J.B. Humphrey, President of the GBSC, announced during the Annual Fall Session of the GBSC, held at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Pastor, that the Convention had raised over $2 million, for the first time in its history. Dr. Humphrey commended President Luella Edwards and Executive Secretary P.A. Brodie for the increased stewardship of the Woman's Convention. Dr. Humphrey stated, "... without the Woman's Convention we would be unable to fulfill our stewardship commitments and objectives. We are co-partners for Christ."

President Humphrey also thanked other Auxiliary Presidents for their work: Charles Alston, Laymen; Cleveland Griffin, Ushers; and Cedric Jones, Sunday School and BTU Congress. He pointed to the hard work of the GBSC Field Staff led by Dr. Craig. Dr. Leo Williams, staff, Rev. A.D. Logan, and the entire Headquarters worked tirelessly during the past fiscal year, Humphrey stated.

Below is the text of Dr. Craig's historic report:



THE ANNUAL REPORT of the
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER of the
GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION of
NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED
For the Fiscal Year 1987-88

President Humphrey, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Vice President at Large, Chairman of the General Board, Moderators, Pastors, Presidents of the Auxiliaries and members of the General Baptist State Convention: I submit to you an account of my stewardship during the fiscal year 1987-88.

Our State Missions program, which involves staff workers at Baptist Headquarters, the work of the Convention's officers, departments, commissions, committees, boards, and auxiliaries, has aided in the steady growth of churches and pastors. This was done through training institutes, workshops, clinics, conferences, worship services, annual meetings and projects.

We worked long and hard in challenging the pastors and churches to complete the unfinished task of giving for missions and Christian Education. We did much better financially during this fiscal year than what we did in the previous year. We are gratified, but we are not satisfied.

We challenged the churches to do one of two things:

1. Give a tenth of its budget for the objectives,
2. accept a suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters.

The auxiliaries in the local churches were challenged to give to the State Auxiliaries of the State Convention the following amounts for representation fees:

Sunday School and Baptist Training Union	140.00
Ushers	100.00
Laymen	100.00

We sent through our office the quotas to the local churches from the Woman's Convention. We are pleased with the unity of our General Baptist State Convention and its auxiliaries.

We are proud of the contributions given to our objectives. However, I believe that we will agree that none of our churches have overstrained their resources. It is my prayer that as we go into the new year, we will increase our support to the objectives.

Mankind has not devised a mathematical unit of measure to show what we have accomplished spiritually. The scale of merit is known only to the Lord, the Righteous Judge. We are cautioned to "fight a good fight, to finish our course and to keep the faith." Our progress is measured not by how far we are leaving the past behind, but how near we are approaching complete dedication to God.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

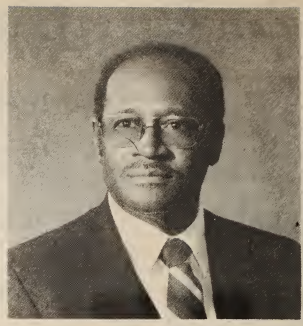
By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

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I commend all of the elected officers of the Convention and its auxiliaries for jobs well done. Also, I am appreciative of the support and cooperation of the Baptist Headquarters staff members.

Our work in the convention and at the Baptist Headquarters, is a never-ending work. The end of one fiscal year, the end of the month, the end of a day is the beginning of another year, month and day. We need your support, cooperation and prayers as we seek to accomplish the goals and objectives established by our Lord and Master who directed us to be faithful until death.



Dr. C.C. Craig

Number of Churches Contributing:	1,498
Number of Associations:	59
Personal Contributions:	408
Unidentified Churches Contributing:	60
Letters Mailed:	20,560
Miles Traveled:	24,195
Workshops/Conferences:	42
S.S. & B.T.U. Visited:	8
Associations Visited:	28
Number of Addresses/Sermons:	136
Amount of Money Collected on Field	$66,584.18

Objectives and Other Causes	Hdqrs.	Sent Direct	Woman's Convention	Sent Direct	Total
Sent to Executive Office	1,109,059.00				1,109,059.00
State Missions			288,317.67		288,317.67
Foreign Missions		61,171.00	75,673.74		136,844.74
Shaw University		106,539.83	45,288.90		151,828.73
Shaw Divinity School		52,677.51	18,612.85		71,290.36
Central Children		26,667.00	30,959.54	8,425.61	66,052.15
Baptist Assembly		158,532.67	21,517.92		21,517.92 158,532.67
Other Causes	1,109,059.00	405,588.01	480,370.62	8,425.61	2,003,443.24

Top Ten Churches-Monies Sent Through The Executive Office

Martin Street, Raleigh, D.S. Forbes	35,888.23
United Metropolitan, Winston Salem, J.D. Ballard	31,620.00
Shiloh, Winston Salem, J. Ray Butler	31,192.00
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L.C. Riddick	28,505.00
First, Fayetteville, C.R. Edwards	27,508.56
Friendship, Charlotte, C. Jones	25,515.70
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J.D. Fuller	24,508.00
First, Winston Salem, W.A. Johnson	24,345.85
First (West) Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey	23,469.52
St. Paul, Charlotte, P. Drummond	20,593.50

Among the top ten churches which made the greatest contributions to the GBSC during the past fiscal year, it is not worthy to identify the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Shelby, N.C., Dr. S.A. Raper, pastor, with less than two hundred, 200, members, Mount Calvary contributed to the GBSC through the Unified Program, for the objectives $14.855.00.

Dear Brother Pastor, Moderators, Presidents of the District convention, District Unions and members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

Many thanks to you again and again for the support and cooperation that you gave during the fiscal year 1987-1988. Our reports have shown that from all sources for the first time in the history of our Convention, our total giving amounted to two million three thousand four hundred forty three dollars and twenty four cents, ($2,003,443.24). SEE FIGURES ABOVE.

We are proud of the contributions given to our objectives and other causes. However, I believe that we will agree that none of our churches have overstrained their resources. The more we given to others, the more God gives to us. It is my prayer that as we move forward into this new fiscal year 1988-1989, that we will increase our support to the objectives.

It is true that mankind has not devised a mathematical unit of measure to show what we have accomplished spiritually. The scale of merit is known only to the Lord, the Righteous Judge. We are cautioned to "fight the good fight, to finish our course and to keep the faith." Our progress is measured not by how far we are leaving the past behind, but how near we are approaching a complete dedication to God.

I commend all of the elected officers of the GBSC and its auxiliaries for a job well done. I am appreciative for the support and cooperation of the staff at Baptist Headquarters.

We have sent out the ANNUAL QUOTA LETTERS, if you have not received yours please notify me. We are challenging the pastors and churches of the Convention to do one of two things as we seek to realize our adopted budget in the amount of $2,009,426.28: 1) Give a tenth of your budget to the objectives or, 2) Accept a suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters. The auxiliaries in the local churches are requested to give to the auxiliaries of the State the following amounts for representation fees:

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



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By Archie D. Logan Jr.

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Annual Banquet In Memory Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(PLANS ARE BEING FINALIZED FOR THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION'S ANNUAL BANQUET IN MEMORY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA AT THE CIVIC CENTER, JANUARY 13, 1989. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS, 603 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET, RALEIGH, N.C. 27601, 919/821-7466, FOR A DONATION OF $17.00 EACH. PLEASE MAKE YOUR ORDER NOW.)

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. His parents were the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and Mrs. Alberta Williams King. King's father was pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Dr. King was licensed to preach in 1947 when he was only 18 and ordained to the Christian ministry on February 25, 1948. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta and received his bachelor's degree in sociology in 1948. He received his theological training at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1951 at the head of his class. He then entered Boston University School of Theology where he received his doctorate degree June 5, 1955.

During this period of time, Dr. King married Coretta Scott of Marion, Alabama, June 18, 1953; and, became the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, October 31, 1954. It was in Montgomery, following the December 1, 1955, bus sit-in by Mrs. Rosa Parks, that Dr. King began the greatest nonviolent civil rights struggle America had ever experienced. From Montgomery to Memphis, where King was assassinated April 4, 1968, on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel.

No other black leader has equaled the rich social and religious artistry of Martin Luther King Jr. He was indeed a world historical figure. He captured the spotlight of history precisely at the right time, and responded with a blueprint for what America could become if it trusted God and its democratic legacy. His dream proved to be too threatening. It implied a massive redistribution of wealth and resources. He was murdered. But his dream still excites our social and political imaginations. It beckons us to work, to realize the dream that America can indeed be a truly pluralistic society, and that planet Earth can be a place in the universe where peace, justice and freedom are the dominant ethos. As long as we are blessed in this earthly journey, every now and then, with a Martin Luther King Jr., our struggle is not in vain.

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

"Give Thanks, Anyway"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



By Dr. P.A. Brodie

Once in a while should be we evaluate or take stock of our continuous blessings from God. Thanksgiving is usually the time when we greatly emphasize our blessings, but we should be grateful each day.

There are times when we may not feel grateful because of certain factors in our lives. Some of them may be: (1) We think we have all material resources we need or that we can secure them when we desire. Many of us think that the world is in our hands, thus our being lord rather than steward, and that we are origin of all that we have or shall have whether it be spiritual, physical, or mental. Perhaps we then trust in ourselves and things rather than Jesus Christ. (2) We think we have little or nothing for which to be thankful. Some of us find ourselves in poverty, sorrow, sickness, pain (spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical). Rather than give thanks, do we give complaints? (3) We allow what others have to stand in our way and prevent us from giving thanks. That is, do we accept what God has given us or do we desire what others have? This may include even ourselves, that is, desiring to be another. Is it not better to accept who we are, but give back to God what He has given us and that includes ourselves? No greater gift have we to offer than we ourselves, for in Romans 12 we are told to present ourselves as living sacrifices.

In whatever situation we may find ourselves it is far better to focus on the goodness of God than on our conditions. Focusing on Jesus Christ will enable us to see that we should always praise, adore, and thank Him regardless of our situations. Consequently, we reap more than we realize when we give thanks unto God, for in giving thanks we receive energy for life more abundantly, we pass the test of trust, and we bear witness to the Majesty of God in a world that rejects Him.

What then shall be our attitude, one of gratitude or one of ingratitude?

The Woman's Convention is very grateful to God and all of you for the great support you have shared with her in carrying out her part in the unfinished task in the immediate past fiscal year of 1987-88.

Time has fled so very fast and already we have begun the third month in the new fiscal year, 1988-89. We have the challenge of receiving, in round numbers, $518,000.00 so that we can share in the stewardship of living and expressing the Gospel on the field of missions. We are asking all pastors, moderators, presidents, churches/circles, and missions-in-action organizations across the state to be the instrument through which God sends the **Woman's Convention the budget of $518,000.00** in terms of **Foreign Missions — $40,000.00; Shaw University — $44,000.00; Central Children's Home — $31,000.00; Shaw Divinity School — $30,000.00; Baptist Assembly — $15,000.00;** and **State Missions — $358,000.00.**

We are counting on God and each of you to help us realize the 1988-89 budget of $518,000.00, and in great anticipation do we offer our sincere thanks. I pray you had a joyful Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving

For all things beautiful, and good, and true;
For things that seemed not good yet turned to good;
For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will
That chastened, tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;
For things unnumbered that we take of right,
And value first when they are withheld;
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;
For vision of the Worker in the work;
For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere;
We thank Thee Lord.

— John Oxenham

Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association

By A.E. Watson, Director of Publicity

The Ninetieth-Second Session of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association and the Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held with Grace Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 18th-21st, Rev. J.W. Davis was host Pastor.

The session opened Thursday, October 18th with the Youth Missionary Department presenting a Singspiration. The Youth Choirs from the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association took part. The youth seem to sing as they had never sang before. Our hearts were set on hallow fire. The singspiration was high-lighted by two instrumental solos. The Youth Missionary Department is advised by Mrs. Jerome Watson.

Wednesday evening session opened with the ushers and laymen in charge. Deacon David Gist of Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church gave a very inspiring talk. He really challenged us to go ahead.

The evening sermon was delivered by Dr. Preston Pendergrass, Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. His subject was "The Stewardship of Service for Ushers, Laymen, and others" was taken from Mark 14:12-15 text for laymen. The text for laymen act 12:13. Text for others Ecclesiastes 9:11. Laymen go ye into the city and you will find a man with a pitcher of water, usher Peter knocked on the door and Rhonda, a female usher answered the door. Others: The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. The Lord really used Dr. Pendergrass to open up the scriptures.

Thursday morning theme speaker was Rev. J.W. Davis, Pastor of Grace Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. His interpretation of the theme "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Christian Steward" was from Saint John 4:11. He said the scripture says the task is unfinished and it is up to us to finish it. It is getting late and it is time for us to wake up.

The educational sermon was by Rev. E.W. Kirkpatrick, Pastor of Rocky Ridge Missionary Baptist Church. Text was from Saint John 4:34. She challenged Lanes Creek Association to lift up your eyes and let's finish the task. The harvest is ready Lanes Creek, let's go into the field.

Thursday afternoon. The theme speaker was Rev. P.C. Holland, Jr., Pastor of First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, Kannapolis, NC. He explained what the Lord gave him on the Unfinished Task.

Thursday evening a workshop was held by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He gave information to enlighten the members on the work and operation of the Church.

The welcome by the host Church Grace Memorial Missionary Baptist Church really made us feel welcomed.

The moderator's annual address was by Moderator. Dr. L.D. Parker, pastor of Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Text was from Mark 10:45 "Our Christian Mission." Dr. Parker reminded us as others had, it's time for Lanes Creek to wake up and be about our master's business. It seems to be the best ever.

Friday morning theme speaker was Rev. H.L. Nicholson, pastor, Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Text was from Saint John 4:35. We and Association are asleep and we need to wake up. Be careful when you first wake up so you won't say the wrong thing.

Friday afternoon, our Missionary Sermon was delivered by Rev. J.B. Crowder, pastor, Saint Davie Missionary Baptist Church. He also, challenged the churches to wake up because time is winding up. Rev. Crowder really preached out of his soul.

The reports of committees gave us a full picture of our year of work. The record showed that we had another great year, spiritual and financially.

Friday evening the Women's Missionary Auxiliary met with President, Mrs. J.B. Crowder presiding. After a few remarks by Mrs. Crowder, they presented "Women of the Bible." Each woman was presented by members of the Missionary Department. Each character was very good in their remarks about the women.

The Association was closed by Moderator Parker, with a prayer that seemed to come flowing right from the Throne of Glory. Thank you Lord for the manifestation of your Holy Spirit.

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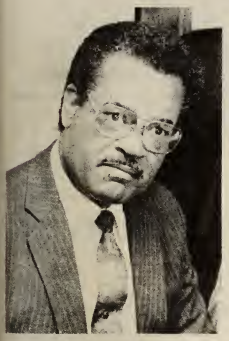
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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

$1 Million In Endowment Fund Contributions Needed By June, 1989



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Shaw University is quite pleased to have been notified of its successful application to participate in the U.S. Department of Education's Endowment Challenge Grant Program. Shaw University can qualify to receive a $2 million grant if the University can raise $1 million in matching nongovernmental funds by June, 1989.

Shaw's participation in the Endowment Challenge Grant Program will enable the University (1) to increase endowment funds; (2) to provide additional incentives to promote fund-raising activities; and (3) to foster increased independence and self-sufficiency of the institution.

A major effort at this time is to concentrate on raising $1 million in endowment funds **before the June, 1989 deadline.**

As the competition for funding from private sources grows, the size of an institution's endowment becomes increasingly important. Shaw University must turn toward private contributions and federal funds to build its endowment which is a long term investment fund that will generate interest income to finance academic programs, scholarships, research and build classroom structures.

The Endowment Challenge Program will be administered by the University's Development Office. The success of the project will be determined by the dollar support the University is able to generate. Present donors to the University can help assure the success of the University reaching the $1 million endownment goal by sending an additional restricted gift to the endowment campaign with your annual unrestricted gift to the University.

The Endowment Challenge Grant Program is one of several programs authorized by Title III of the Higher Education Act. Institutions compete each year for selection in the program.

In a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and University Business Officers, it was reported that the top ten predominantly white institutions had endowments ranging from $802 million to $3 billion.

The top ten predominantly Black institutions had endowments of $11 million to $76 million. Shaw University's present endowment is $650,000.

Shaw University Conference

The Shaw University Development Office conducted a one-day conference for moderators and ministers from the General Baptist Convention associations and churches and several local ministers from the State Baptist Convention on Friday, October 14. An enthusiastic group heard Dr. George L. Balentine, pastor of the Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, deliver the opening address on "New Visions for Church Relations at Shaw University." Dr. Balentine was former president of Shorter College in Georgia and a founder of Palm Beach Atlantic College in Florida. In support of the importance of the church-related, liberal arts college, Dr. Balentine cited several essential contributions, including, interpersonal relations between student and faculty, the diversity and innovation possible at the smaller college, a value-oriented education or "moral literacy," as he said.

The afternoon session was begun with a challenge to the churches by Dr. Leon C. Riddick, pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte. He said churches spend far too much of their limited incomes on activities that yield nothing of real value. Missions and mission spending, including the support of institutions such as Shaw University, is a paramount importance.

The conference was sponsored by a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Winston-Salem.



L-R: J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist Convention; Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University; and, George L. Balentine, Pastor of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh.



Dr. Leon Riddict, pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., gave conference challenge.



Pictured above are other participants at the conference.

Rev. W.B. Lewis Receives Doctorate Degree

By Willhelmina Jeanetta Lewis

The Reverend Willie B. Lewis, Pastor of the First Baptist Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, was conferred recently with a Doctor of Ministry Degree at Saint Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Lewis has received his A.B., M.Div., and D.D., at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. He furthered his study at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Past positions held by Dr. Lewis includes pastorates of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina; Wake Chapel Baptist Church, Milbrook, North Carolina; New Bethel Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina and Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina. Other former positions include Editor, Shaw Divinity School Seminarian; Assistant Secretary, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated; First Vice President, The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated; Chairman of State Missions, The General Baptist State Convention of North, Incorporated; Member, the Wage and Salary Review Board of the City of Raleigh; Director of the General Baptist State Convention's Youth Camp, Laurinburg, North Carolina; Secretary, Board of Management, General Baptist State Convention and Chairman of the General Baptist State Convention's Ministry of Migrant Workers; Member of the Board of Directors of Wake County Social Services; Assistant Recorder of the General Baptist State Convention, Incorporated; and Immediate Past Moderator of the Wake Baptist Association. Historian of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated; Clerk of the Johnston Baptist District Association; Presently, Dr. Lewis' affiliations include the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated, Executive Board Member; Chairman of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated; Executive Committee Member of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated; Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Member YMCA; Member Constitution Committee, General Baptist State Convention, Incorporated; Member State Board of Chaplaincy; Member, Board of Trustee, Shaw Divinity School; Member Board of Directors RICH PARK; Member Prince Hall Lodge, Masonic order of Raleigh; NAACP; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; Executive Director of the First Cosmopolitan Day Care Center; Member, Board of Prison Ministry Chaplaincy of North Carolina; Vice President At-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and Commissioner of the Raleigh Housing Authority.

Dr. Lewis has traveled extensively in parts of the United States, Canada and Abroad. These travels include the Holy Land, Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Africa, Syria, Lebanon, India, Istanbul and Turkey, a trip received from the membership of Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

During his career, Dr. Lewis has completed the following accomplishments: Renovated Bethlehem Baptist Church, which was partially destroyed by fire; renovated Wake Chapel Baptist Church; build Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina; Purchased land on South Blount Street for $50,000; constructed the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in 1970; Organized a Day Care Center with an approved Scholastic Program; and completed an apartment complex for the elderly and handicapped titled the Lewis-Cosmos Estates, Raleigh, North Carolina.



Dr. W.B. Lewis

To complete the requirements for the Doctor of Ministry Degree, Dr. Lewis prepared a dissertation titled "Mission Via Ministries: The Experience of Group Ministries and Group Leaders in the Local Parish." The dissertation required an extensive comprehensive study of the structure and ministries of the Church Corporate. Comprehensive study in psycho-synthesis and psychological counseling.

Dr. Lewis is a native of Nash County and is married to the former Lillie Hilliard, a retired School Teacher and Director of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church Day Care Center. He has two daughters, Liteta Y. Lewis, who is Sales Manager-Realtor of Urban Corporation Real Estate, Greensboro, North Carolina and Wilhelmina J. Lewis, who is the Choral Music Director and Drama Instructor, Whitley Middle School, Wendell, North Carolina.

Dr. W.B. Lewis Leads Cosmopolitian Baptist Church Mission Via Ministries

By Dr. W.B. Lewis,
Vice President-At-Large GBSC

Mission Via Ministries project is an outgrowth of the author's own experience with group ministry in the parish of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. This major project was undertaken with the anticipation of discovering the problems that arise in group ministry in the local parish church. The writer will offer suggestions as to the interrelation of missions via ministries and how they complement each other.

The church has many ministries, but one mission. First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church does its mission through the ministries of the church. The problem arises in group ministry when groups have not been given a clear perspective of their identity and the role of their expectations as it relates to the mission of the church. The groups in the church that do ministry are to be a part of the collective efforts put forth by the church body in church mission. Every individual has a ministry and every group in the church as a ministry. These ministries constitute the mission of the church.

After some years of experience and observation of group ministry in First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, the writer has concluded that there are certain trends and practices in group ministry that do not emphasize the Kingdom of God. The church has one assignment given to it by God, and that is the Kingdom of God. Every member and group should subscribe to this mission.

Another conviction of the writer is that the mission and ministries of the church should undergo, thorough study, in order to bring about an understanding of what it means to be many, and yet one. The church groups must learn how to deal with diversity without creating adversity. This type of fellowship can be realized through an understanding of the fact that we are many members, yet we belong to one body. The meaning of Kiononia is related to kindred associations such as caring and sharing with someone or in something. The writer further believes that group ministries should be a partnership and a fellowship with close bonds of expressions of an inner and external relationship within the fellowship of the church parish. So when the Christians in the local parish practice Christian fellowship, this helps the ministry of the group to fit the experience of redemptive fellowship. Then the church can become a fellowship of the concerned for all members. The Christian groups in the church need the fellowship of each other.

This project comes out of a situation in First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, where there are many small groups doing ministry. The ministry in these groups does submit to the discipline and loyalty of the church's mission, which is the Kingdom of God. When we are working in the Kingdom of God we are working together for one common goal. Paul says it best in Romans 12:7, "For none of us liveth to himself or herself, and no man dieth to himself or herself." We need the fellowship of each other.

There are groups in the church that live and fellowship in their own little group alone. The deplorable thing about selfishness is that it hinders the harmony and growth of the church. If we can do our ministry in small groups with the spirit of oneness, then ultimately God will bring unanimity about matters of rivalry. The church will become a fellowship dissolved in adoration to God, revealed in Christ. Then praises will take the place of arguments and mutual relationships of Christians will be an example of the body of Christ. This can be done by every group focusing its ministry on the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is a gift of divine grace offered to all who are willing to receive it. To receive it, however, means to submit to a discipline that makes absolute demands upon a person's loyalty and devotion to Christ and His mission. Those who submit to His will will receive Christ and become fellow workers of the Kingdom of God.

There is a great need in the Church for spiritual growth through the increase of self understanding and commitment to Jesus Christ that comes as a gift in the community and fellowship of His church. Paul describes the kind of life that is to be lived by those who have submitted to the rule of God and are members of the present community of the Kingdom. It is a life in which what matters is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:7 and I Corinthians 4:20).

The Kingdom of God constitutes a way of life, to those who belong and are faithful to the principle of the Kingdom of God. Their loyal pursuance of this way of life is the condition upon which Christians will receive entry at last, into the consummated kingdom. The basis of this new way of life is to be seen in the twin commandments of love to God and love to one's neighbor (Mark 12:28-31).

In this community of sharing unity, the members of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church encouraged to take the risk needed to be a part of a great communion. This a significant sign of hope for the togetherness of a Christian body. It was with a confident and hopeful spirit that the writer moved into the area of missions via ministries, which the writer hopes will hold a great deal of promise in unifying church groups and keeping harmony in Christ's church.

On the eve of the year 2000, and the 21st century the church must make a bold, inspiring Christian witness. We have adopted a **Mission Via Ministries** vision for our future. "Where there is no vision the people perish. . ." Proverbs 29:18.

Mission Via Ministries



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Members and friends of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church prepare to go to Baltimore, Md., to see Pastor Lewis receive Doctor of Ministry Degree at Saint Mary's Seminary.



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Pastor begins duty at Yadkin Grove

The Rev. George Bernard Jackson, who was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1987, has assumed duties as pastor of Yadkin Grove Baptist Church, Leonard Road, Salisbury, N.C.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. William T. Jackson of Salisbury, he is a graduate of N.C. Central University, where he was the first student to receive the Francis A. Korenegay Scholarship Award for outstanding service to the community for two years in a row. He attended Wake Forest Seminary and is now attending Shaw Seminary in Raleigh.

Jackson, who lives in Winston-Salem with his wife, the former Angela Camille Hairston and daughter, Monica, is employed as a unit director at the Salvation Army Boy's Club in Winston-Salem. His wife, who is a volunteer at the boy's club, is employed as a primary reading teacher at Southwest Elementary School in Winston-Salem.



Rev. George B. Jackson

He is also a member of Macedonia Baptist Church of which his father serves as pastor.

An installation service for the new pastor was held on Sunday, Nov. 6, at Yadkin Grove. Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. did the first part of the installation service and Rev. William T. Jackson of Salisbury conducted the evening service.

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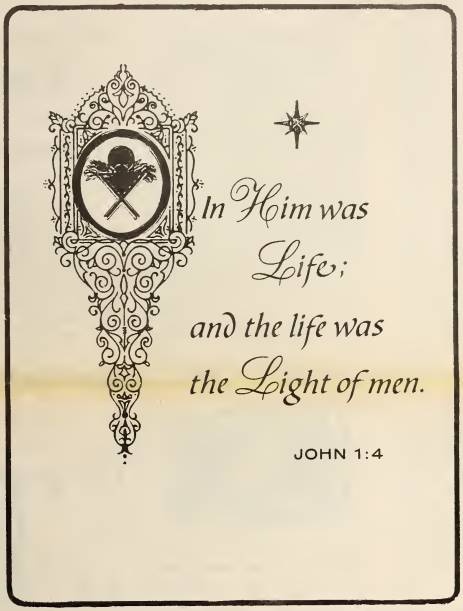
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4	Woman's State Convèn. Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
11	One-Day Session SS and BTU Congress, Raleigh, NC
15	Mission Training Conf. Shaw Divinity School Raleigh, NC
12-15	Shaw University, Religious Emphasis Week
25	One-Day Session Usher's Convention Fayetteville, NC

MARCH 1989

11	Laymen's Study Commission District #2 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Wagram, NC
13	Shaw Divinity Founders' Day Theological Convocation, Raleigh, NC
13-15	Shaw Divinity School Annual Pastor's Conference
14	Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting, Laurel Hill, NC 10 a.m.
18	Usher's Convention, Executive Board, President & Vice President, 9 a.m. Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC
18	Usher's Convention, Executive Board, 10 a.m. Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC
19	PALM SUNDAY
23-26	Easter Recess — Shaw Divinity School
24	GOOD FRIDAY
25	Woman's State Convention, Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
25	Woman's State Convention, Executive Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m., Conference Room
26	EASTER SUNDAY

Season Greetings From The Baptist Headquarters Staff



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Sign Of The Savior

By Dr. C.C. Craig

What God gives us at Bethlehem is the highest and noblest of all gifts. Yet we can miss the gift if our hearts are drawn to something other than the Holy Child. We do ourselves great harm if we do not see how easily we are tempted to become attached to something other than the Holy City. We need listen only a short time to Christmas music to note that the musicians create Christmas music that is delightful and beautiful but has nothing to do with the message of a Savior. Or we can read pages of Christmas stories which are tender and gripping but do not relate anything about the Savior from sin.

What makes Christmas real is its relation to the Savior. The sign of this relationship is not a revelation of power and glory but the sign of the ordinary. The angelic announcement to the shepherd was simple and honest. "You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes; lying in a manger." There is no need to make a mistake. The sign is simple enough. The baby is a baby. The child is a child. The sign is given in utter simplicity.

The sign of the presence of the Holy Child is given in ordinaries. But the sign is given so that the shepherds might not make the mistake of the wise men who looked for the Savior in the palace. The sign is given so that the shepherds might not have to worry or wonder where the Christ might be or what he might be like. The signal is, "He is wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

So we dare not overlook the sign which God gives us in homely fashion. The sign remains. A child comes to us in human form, our form, to be our Savior and Redeemer. He can come to us no other way, for it is our human form that needs redemption and salvation. It is the ordinary human condition that must be saved. God enters into the human situations. He experiences all that the swaddling clothes imply. He knows the need for warmth, love, and care. He knows the pain and awkwardness of having to learn obedience. He feels the pain of being rejected, unwanted and un-loved. For the swaddling clothes are exchanged for the linens of death. The crudeness of the manger is matched by the crudeness of the cross.

God's signs always work for us. The signs point to that which God gives. Wrapped in swaddling clothes was the Holy Child in whom dwelt all righteousness and holiness of God.

When the Christ Child came to Bethlehem, He came to restore the

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

(Continued from page 1)

blessings of heaven to earth. He came to the ordinary to give extraordinary. In no other way did He remain the simple and unadorned child of the swaddling clothes. He stormed the gates of death that He might bring back to us the victory over death. He became the ordinary to make us the extraordinary. He came to death that He might make us the children of life. This is the child of the swaddling clothes. May we take Him on Christmas and everyday to ourselves that he might take us unto Himself. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not; For behold, I bring you good tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: We shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10-12).

The staff members at Baptist Headquarters: P.A. Brodie, Betty Chislom, Ivery Williamson, Gail Anderson. Leo Williams Jr., A.D. Logan, Mary B. Farrar, Phyllis M. Holloway, Cecelia Horton, Gwendolyn Gully, Curtis Jackson, and Barbara Dixon, join me in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a New Year of happiness far above your expectations.

General Baptist State Convention's Annual Martin L. King Jr. Banquet

The General Baptist State Convention's Annual Banquet, in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be held on Friday night, January 13, 1989, at the Civic Center, Raleigh, North Carolina. This event will be held on the eve of the One Day Session of the Woman's Convention, which will be held at the Civic Center on Saturday, January 14, 1989. Reservations for lodging can be made at the Radisson Hotel at a special rate of $45 per room, 1-4 persons may occupy a room for the same rate. In making your reservations, indicate that you are a member of the General Baptist State Convention. The telephone number is 919/834-9900. Please make your reservations immediately.

Please Make The Following Corrections In The 1987-1988 Annual Report

First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. W.B. Lewis, Pastor, contributed $5,150.16 to Lott Carey Baptist Convention making their total contribution to the GBSC for 1987-88 $18,719.36.

Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Charlotte, Dr. L.C. Riddick, Pastor, contributed $25,000.00 to Shaw University, making their total for 1987-88 $79,005.00.

Salem Baptist Church, Dr. A.L. Jinwright, Pastor, contributed $4,505.85 for the fiscal year of 1987-88: $75.00 Foreign Mission, $127.50 Shaw University, $37.50 Shaw Divinity School, $22.50 Central Orphanage, $1877.50 State Mission, $2,365.85 WBH&FMC.





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(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



What Black Americans Should Know About Cancer

Every American needs to know about cancer. It's a disease that has an impact on most of us in some way.

However, cancer death rates among the Black population in America have been steadily increasing in the past 20 years with Black males having the highest rate of any group.

What does this mean to Black Americans? Simply, it means paying special attention to health and getting to a doctor immediately when something is wrong with your body.

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Quit The Smoking Habit For Good

New Year's Resolution

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Urges often take place at predictable times. The trick is to anticipate these times and find ways to cope with them without smoking. Research shows that the most difficult place to resist the urge to smoke is the most familiar: at home. The activities most closely associated with urges are eating, partying, and drinking. And, not surprisingly, most urges occur when a smoker is present.

Here are seven major coping skills to help you fight the urge to smoke.

- **List your reasons for quitting.** Review it whenever the urge strikes.
- **Know when you're rationalizing.** Don't talk yourself into smoking again.
- **Anticipate those things that give you an urge** to smoke and prepare in advance how to avoid them.
- **Reward yourself for not smoking.** It will remind you of the fact that what you're doing is important.
- **Use positive thoughts.** Remind yourself of how much you've accomplished and how far you've come.
- **Use relaxation techniques** to help you cope with urges to smoke. Instead of having a cigarette, take a long deep breath.
- **Seek support from family and friends.** A buddy system is a great technique.

Finally, when you have an urge to reach for a cigarette reach for the phone instead. Former smokers who want to stay off the habit can get help through the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER. This free, public service provides self-help tips, literature, referrals, and a hand to hold until the urge passes.

Holiday Greetings

"In Him Was Life"

During the holiday season of Advent, Christmas and New Year Christians look with great expectation toward the celebration of the Christ child's birth and the dawn of another year.

I want to thank God that I have come this far by faith. Life is a journey of faith and hope. I have seen the GLORY of GOD revealed over these many years.

Advent is the season of expectation, and preparation. Christians everywhere reflect on those days immediately before Christ was born. The light at the end of a dark tunnel breaks through. The world had been without a Savior and God sent His Son Jesus. John 1:4 says "In Him was LIFE; and LIFE was the LIGHT of men." Advent was the assurance that there was a way out of the tunnel of time, that at the end of the tunnel there was a shining star.

Christmas is the celebration that Jesus was LIFE, that Jesus was the LIGHT of the world, that God kept His promise and "gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting LIFE" (John 3:16). All the world comes to Bethlehem. The Wise Men, the Shepherds, the sick, the needy, the oppressed, the lonely, the sad, the rejected. They all came to the stable — there was no room at the inn. I met Jesus at the manger one day myself a long time ago. I needed a Savior. He met me where I was, a lowly sinner; He found me in my misery; He reached out to me and since that day I have never been the same. He gave me LIFE.

New Year comes after the seasons of preparation/expectation, (Advent), and celebration of His birth, (Christmas). As President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I am excited about our work and ministry for 1989. The new year will begin the end of the 1980's and usher in the final decade of the century. We have been called by God to work until He comes again. Time is winding down, the return of our Lord, and Savior is near.

We must work for the night is coming. We must win people to Jesus Christ. There are so many that are lost, many who have turned their backs on God, many that are outside the ark of safety. Jesus is the LIFE and the LIGHT.

I need your prayers in 1989. I need your support of our objectives: State Mission, Foreign Mission, Central Children's Home, Shaw Divinity School, Shaw University and the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. We must never lose the vision of our call, mission and purpose. The Church represents LIFE and LIGHT. The church is the beacon of hope that shines along the shores of time and eternity. We are the joy of Salvation. The church is the essence of the "word" becoming flesh and dwelling among us. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR MISSIONARY SUPPORT of the "work."

My family and I join with the entire GBSC family: President Edward, President Cleveland Griffin, President Cedric Jones and President Charles Alston, in wishing you all a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

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"Joy To The World"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing."
— Isaac Watts

Months have flown by quickly and here we are in the midst of the emphasized Yuletide Season, Christmas. Christmas, it is true, remains with us the year-round because the Lord is come and is always available to anyone who allows Him to come into his heart. Yet the designated season affords us more opportunity to celebrate Christmas gratitude and significance in a prelude, a day, a postlude and stirs up and embellishes memories and our life experiences. What Joy! What a Celebration!

However, if some people had their preferences (so deceived to think by the Tempter) a year would lack Christmas joy, music, or even the Christ. What a bleak and morbid world this would be without Christmas! For how the curse would remain where sins and sorrows grow and thorns infest the ground. Where He would not rule would be no truth and grace but only sins and sorrows, despair, defeat. Perhaps what I am saying and in the way I am saying it makes little or no sense. Yet this is how our world would be, if there were no Chrstmas.

What happens now that Christmas has come? "Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing."

With Christmas around us and in us, let us help prepare the way for others to know Christmas, "Joy to the world" by sharing with our objectives so that they can fulfill their mission here on earth: **Foreign Missions — $40,000.00; Shaw University — $44,000.00; Central Children's Home — $31,000.00; Shaw Divinity School — $30,000.00; Baptist Assembly — $15,000.00; State Missions — $357,955.30.**

From the Woman's Convention — MERRY CHRISTMAS! JOY TO YOU! THE LORD IS COME!

One Day Session — On Saturday, January 14, 1989, the 36th One Day Session (Mid-Year Session) of the Woman's Convention will convene at the Raleigh Civic Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come and participate in Bible study, preaching, singing, praying, fellowship, conventional information, and in sacrificial giving.

"Building Family Relationships Through Christian Stewardship"

By Ms. Augusta White

The Ninth Family Missions Conference was held at First Calvary Baptist Church, Salisbury, Rev. Leamon Brown, Pastor.

After President Edwards called the Conference to order, the host church led the devotion: opening song, "What A Fellowship"; scripture by Cherese Childers; meditational moments and prayer by Miss Louise Rountree.

President Edwards stated: "I want to greet you this morning in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some of you may be somewhat discouraged because of a small number. You are accustomed to seeing an overflowing crowd for our meetings. The Family Missions Conference is our baby; however, in due time it will build up. The Master says, 'Where there are two or three gathered in my name there will I be.' **Help!** The family is in trouble. Is anybody listening? A part of our motto is 'Christ in every home.' We are so glad to be at First Calvary. This is not my first time visiting here. I was here a couple of years ago. In your church we have two officers: Miss Rountree, State Historian, and Miss Augusta White, Secretary to the Executive Committee and Executive Board. In your city you have three officers. In addition to the two previously named is Mrs. Eva Johnson, First Vice President of the Convention."

Rev. Leamon E. Brown, Pastor of First Calvary, gave greetings. "We thank God for this beautiful day. We are thankful that you allowed us to be host to this Family Missions Conference. We hope and pray that you have not come to judge but to learn and share and take something back home with you."

Statement of purpose was given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie: "We are here this morning, gathered in His name, to worship Him. Our primary source should be God's Word. We have to review the purpose of the family. When we leave this place, we will know that the **Master Teacher** stopped by this place. In the back of the pews are envelopes for you to make your offering for your family. We contribute as a family regardless of how large or small."

Dr. Edwards stated that families come in all sizes so represent for your family. "I am so glad that Jesus loves you, Jesus loves even me."

Workshop session leaders were introduced: Rev. B.F. Daniels, Pastor of Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, was leader for the Seniors; Rev. Alphonzo Fullwood, Director of Alumni and Church Relations at the Shaw Divinity School, was leader for the Young Adults; Mrs. Julias McDonald, Media Specialist for the Union County School System and Immediate Past Director of the Young Adults of the Woman's Convention, was leader for the Youth (11-20 years).

Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, First Vice-President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, was leader for the Youth (1-10 years).

Each of the groups studied the topic "Building Family Relationship Through Christian Stewardship."

Rev. Daniels stated that this generation has seen more changes than any generation of the world. "When you were a child you didn't realize that a man would land on the moon. The values that your parents passed on to you do not exist any longer. Do you remember the prayers your parents taught you? I was taught to pray before each meal. Today families eat without saying a blessing. I was taught that marriage was sacred and you should not "shack." These values have not been passed on. The institution of marriage is not respected. Sex has become a plaything which is started early. We have not passed these values on to our young people. We give them the clothes and the cars and they just run wild. Stewardship from the prospective the church — The church must surround the Black family. Only God can save the Black family. The church is the beacon of hope in songs and prayer.

"The overall purpose of stewardship is to realize that this is my Father's world. I am to use my time, talent and money to do His work because this is my Father's world.

"The family needs to develop economically. We need a strong department of Christian Education to address the needs of the Black family. We can't help families when they are in poor housing. Teach them how to work and how to save. Teach money management. We beg for what we need and buy what we don't need."

Rev. Alphonso Fullwood was consultant for the Young Adult Session on "Building Family Relationship Through Christian Stewardship." "As young adults and parents you should put Christ first in your home. Show your family the way to Christ. Teach stewardship in the home. Give of your time, talent and money in building Christian Stewardship. Be willing to serve others."

Mrs. Julias McDonald was consultant for the older youth. The group discussed the keys of stewardship:

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"1. Talent
2. Personality witnessing
3. Ability (service)
4. Time
5. Preparedness
6. Opportunity
7. Possession."

Mrs. Eva Johnson was consultant for the younger youth ages 1-10. She was assisted by Christine Vinson. The group discussion centered around "Strengthening Discipleship and Stewardship in the Family."

Promoting Christianity in Daily Living

Defining

1. The family (large/small)
 a. The family is the largest institution on earth. It was established by God. The Bible is the family's blue print for Christian living.
 b. God called the parents to discipleship and stewardship. Therefore, they are responsible for the daily care of the youth.
2. Teaching in the home
 a. Parents should always give Christ first place in the home, and He will make it a successful home.
 b. Parents are responsible for training the whole child in order for him/her to become God's disciple and steward.
3. Showing others what you have learned

 If the whole child is trained, the child will be glad to:
 a. use his/her talent, service, time and money wisely
 b. serve others and he will develop
 c. show that he is obedient to God and his parents.

Strengthen your stewardship in the home by putting your life expectations in the right prospective, giving your life to Christ at an early age and learning how to pray daily.

The family dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. S.R. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Zion, Salisbury.

Following the offering, Dr. J.H. Ferguson, Pastor, Poplar Springs, Rockingham, was presented by his grandson for the message. He spoke about the "All Sufficient Task," 14th chapter of St. Matthew 15-16 verses. "We must recognize Christ in our family. Christ is sufficient for everything. He is the one and only necessity.

"The disciples are returning from their first mission and they refuse to let Christ leave them and they stick close with Him. Christ was only concerned about the needs of the people. They were hungry and He fed them. How does the multitude affect us? Are we ministering to their needs or are we driving them from us? Most of us are concerned about what's in the collection plate. We should be concerned about people in need. Whatever looks small in the eyes of people is large in the sight of God. God will supply whatever we need. He took two fish and five loaves and fed the multitude. We count our needs; we count our handicaps, but we fail to count Jesus. When we count Jesus we have more than enough to feed the five thousand. There were twelve baskets of food left. He is everything to me. He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and morning star. He's everything to me.

"When you go back home call your family together and talk about Jesus instead of the trash in the community. You must live right everyday and keep your heart open."

Music was furnished by a combined choir from First Calvary Baptist Church. Benediction was given by Dr. J.H. Ferguson.

The Shaw Divinity School Announces Spring Class Schedule

Master of Divinity

Course #	Course Description	Time	Cr. Hrs.	Days	Professor
B 604	Survey of the New Testament II	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Alexander
T 644	Systematic Theology II	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Rossitter
PM 788	Baptist History, Polity & Doctrine	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Bullock
B 502	Survey of the Old Testament II	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Rossitter
PM 561	Homiletics (Preaching) II	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Davis
H 632	Women in Western Religious History	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Kirkley
PP 515	Personality Theories for Pastoral Relationships	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	Davis
PM 781	Church Administration	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	Paige
PC 503	Health and Human Services	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	Jackson/Dickson
B 502	Survey of the Old Testament II	1:30 p.m.	3	T/Th	Rossitter
PM 792	Minister's Spiritual Growth	3:00 p.m.	3	T/Th	Clemmons
B 601	Biblical Hebrew II	4:30 p.m.	3	T/Th	McCormick
H 625	Hist. of Ch. Among Afro-Amer.	7:00-9:45 p.m.	3	Fri.	Headen
T 645	New Directions in Theology (for graduating seniors only)	TBA	3	TBA	Rossitter

Diploma In Theology

Course #	Course Description	Time	Cr. Hrs.	Days	Professor
B 102	Survey of the Old Testament II	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Maxwell
T 244	Systematic Theology II	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Logan
B 201	Biblical Hebrew II	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Shropshire
PM 384	Music in Christian Worship	7:30 a.m.	3	Sat.	Jordan-Williams
B 204	Survey of the New Testament II	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Alexander
H 122	Church History II	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Maxwell
PP 108	Clinical Pastoral Training	10:20 a.m.	3	Sat.	Bullock
PM 102	Writing and Research Seminar II	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	Kirkley
PM 161	Homiletics (Preaching) II	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	Fullwood
PM 104	World Religions	2:30 p.m.	3	Sat.	TBA

Field Education Options are available; Please consult Director of Supervised Ministry Gregory T. Headen. Independent Study may be available; Please consult Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Larkin Rossitter.

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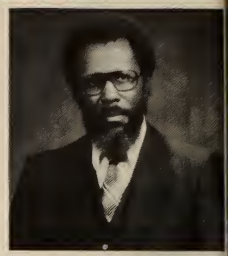
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Sermon of the Month

The Skeletons In Our Savior's Closet

By Dr. George Cook Jr.



Dr. George Cook Jr., Pastor
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When we think of skeltons in one's closet, we immediately think of having something to hide. Well, according to today's standards, Jesus certainly had something to hide. I'm sure Jesus would not have wanted everybody to know that his ancestor Abraham allowed his wife Sarah to spend the night with another man in order to save his own neck. Now, that's a skeleton worth hiding. I can't see Jesus going around boasting about Jacob being a trickster. That's another skeleton worth hiding. Did you not know that Tamar was Judah's daughter-in-law. And after Judah's oldest son died he would not allow his next son to marry Tamar. So Tamar went and disguised herself as a prostitute, had sex with her father-in-law and gave birth to Perez and Zerah. Now I know that's a skeleton you wouldn't want anyone to know about. Rahab, the mother of Boaz, ran a house of prostitution. David, the king, had Bathsheba's husband sent to the front line of a battle so that he might be killed, and he could have his wife all to himself. Salomon was a polygamist. Joram had six brothers put to death because they served as a threat to the throne. Ahaz, Monasseh and Amon led their people into idol worship. Jesus himself was conceived out of wedlock. And if the people in the immediate community had known, they would have stoned Mary to death. All of these skeletons were in our Savior's Closet. This should enable us to see that everyone has something to hide. You . . ., you . . ., you . . ., and you. I don't know what your skeletons are, they may be family problems, personal problems, a past jail sentence, writing bad checks, stealing, cheating on your income tax, drugs, alcohol, adultery, pre-marital sex, swapping towels from the Holiday Inn or the Marriott or some other evil deed. Whatever they are you know, but whatever it may be we all have our skeletons to hide. If you don't, it is because you haven't lived long enough, so keep living.

Not only do we have things to hide from each other, but Adam in the Garden of Eden reminds us that there are some things we wish to hide from God. Friedrick Nietzsche, a German Philosopher, states that his dislike for God was that he couldn't hide anything from him. Yes, there are some skeletons that some of us wished we could hide from God. Now, my point is not that we can't hide our skeletons from God, but that we all have something to hide.

Now, to have skeletons is human, but if we don't get a handle on our inner being, our inner self . . . our skeletons are going to haunt us to death. If we don't stop giving in to our impulses and urges, our skeletons will have us tossing and turning all night. They will have us always on the defense. They will have us thinking that someone is talking about us, watching us and picking at us. Skeletons develop guilt complexes, deep depression and anxieties. Skeletons will cause you to be unfriendly, highly suspicious and very distrusting. Skeletons will paralyze our development, make us bitter and hard to get along with. They will embarrass, dishonor and disgrace us. I don't know what your skeletons are, but two things I do know, we have some, and we've got to get a handle on them, or else they will handle us.

Now, Matthew 1:1-7 teaches us three things about the skeletons in our Savior's closet.

One is he didn't try to change them, nor did he try to fix the blame.

When we look at our Savior we see him with power to turn water to wine; to multiply loaves and fish; to calm the storms; to cast out demons; to walk the water; to give sight to the blind; to heal the lame and to raise the dead. Yet, he is powerless to change his skeletons. He couldn't change what Abraham, Jacob and Tamar had done; he could not change what Raham, David and Solomon had done; Jesus was helpless when it came to changing the skeletons in his closet. By the same token you and I are helpless when it comes to changing the skeletons in our closets. You can't change what has happened, what has happened, has happened. We must consider whereto from here.

So the first lesson that our Savior teaches us about the skeletons in our closet is that we can't change them.

Now second of all, since we can't change them they can become stepping-stones for the future. For you see, Jesus' wisdom comes from understanding the skeletons in his closet. He allowed them to serve as lessons to be learned. When the Spirit led him into the wilderness to be tested by Satan, and Satan tried to get him to turn stones to bread, Jesus remembered how Jacob had tricked his brother out of his birthright and his father out of his brothers blessing. So, Jesus said to Satan, what Esau should have said, "Man does not live by bread alone . . ." When Satan took Jesus up on the Pinnacle and told him to jump off for angels would catch him, he no doubt thought about David's balcony overlooking Uriah house, and seeing Bathsheba bathing on her rooftop, and David was tempted, but Jesus said from the pinnacle what David didn't say on his balcony, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." And when Satan took Jesus up into an exceedingly high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the world, I'm sure Jesus must have thought about Solomon in all of his glory and his downfall and said, "It is written thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." It was these skeletons that served as stepping-stones into the future. I've had people to say to me, "Reverend, I don't intend for this to happen again." Some have said, "I don't want my children to go through what I had to go through." I've heard them say, "I've learned my lesson." And, it is the lessons that serve as steppingstones to the future. So your skeletons can become the stepping-stones we need for a brighter future.

But the final lesson is the best of all. Our skeletons do not change God's plan for us. The idolatory of Manasseh. Amon and Ahaz did not change God's plans for Jesus. Solomon's polyamy and David's adultery did not change God's plan for Jesus. Rehab and Tamar's participation in prostitution did not alter God's plans for Jesus. Jacob's trickery and Abraham's deception did not change God's plans for Jesus. Neither will it change his plans for us.

Peter's skeletons did not change God's plan for him;

The disciples skeletons did no change God's plan for them;

Paul's skeletons did not change God's plan or him;

Lott Carey was a drunkard and a brawler, but that did not change God's plan for him;

St. Augustine was a woman chaser but that did not change God's plan for him;

John Newton was a slave runner but that didn't change God's plan for him. When God finished with Newton he wrote "Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see."



The Ten Vows Of Success

By Og Mandino

Never again will I pity or belittle myself!
Never again will I greet the dawn without a map!
Always will I bathe my days in the golden glow of enthusiasm!
Never again will I be disagreeable to a living soul!
Always will I seek the seed of triumph in every adversity!
Never again will I perform any task at less than my best!
Always will I throw my whole self into the task at hand!
Never again will I wait and hope for opportunity to embrace me!
Always will I examine, each night, my deeds of the fading day!
Always will I maintain contact, through prayer, with my Creator!

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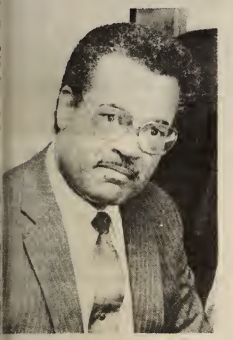
SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Partners In Progress

By Talbert O. Shaw



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Shaw University was founded in 1865. Two years later, in a meeting of farsighted ministers held in Goldsboro, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina came into existence. Since that date Shaw and the GBSC have been **partners in progress.**

Shaw University's role, as related to the churches, has been to train church leadership, both lay and professional. The GBSC's role has been to aid and abet Shaw's work through moral and financial support. From this "we" syndrome a cooperative effort evolved. Both institutions discovered strength in unity. As **partners in progress,** they have been a source of inspiration to each other.

This present administration appreciates the long Shaw/GBSC partnership, and is intent on working to enhance it. Already we have formed a cooperative relationship with the leadership of the convention and have been assured by that group not only of its continuing support but also of a serious effort to increase that support.

We call to your attention a project that affords the opportunity for the enhancement of our cooperative venture. All institutions of higher learning need a good endowment. An endowment is invested money. It is **money making money.** With a good endowment the interest from the principal can often take care of any financial crisis that an institution may confront. Schools such as Harvard and the University of Texas with endowments of $3 billion plus need never fear financial crises. The predominantly African-American institution, Hampton University, with an endowment of approximately $80 million is also pretty safe financially.

Unfortunately, most of our African-American institutions of higher learning have small endowments. Shaw, for example, has an **endowment of less than $1 million.** Such a small amount can never guard against financial difficulty.

But things are looking brighter. That brightness, however, is conditioned by the basic concept of **partners in progress.** The federal government, recognizing the need for predominantly black institutions of higher learning **has offered to Shaw a $2 million endowment grant providing** the University can match every $2 offered by the government with $1.

This means that Shaw must raise $1 million to match the $2 million offered by the government. There is a deadline: June, 1989.

The convention leadership believes that the churches under the umbrella of the GBSC can raise that million dollars by the deadline date. That calls for immediate planning. It has been suggested that each church member contribute $10 toward the goal, andd that one Sunday in March, 1989 (preferably Palm Sunday) be set aside for culminating this fund-raising project.

An effort, such as this, will certainly enhance our **Partners in Progress** theme and will help bring greater financial stability to Shaw University. We make our appeal to you in the faith that we are co-laborers in service.

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With you joining us as **Partners in Progress,** Shaw University will continue to grow and glow. With your help, eyes have not seen, ears have not heard yet what Shaw University can really become.

Thank you for your faith in us, your assistance, your prayers, and your contributions. May God bless you with peace, joy and love during this Christmas Season.

BellSouth Grant Will Make Students Of Shaw Professors

Three Shaw University professors will be going back to school under the terms of a new grant announced recently.

The $60,000 grant from the BellSouth Foundation of Atlanta will allow three professors to complete the requirements for a doctoral degree in the areas of science, business or technology.

Ronald Swain, the university's director of development and planning, said the grant was important for Shaw, which is scheduled for re-accreditation in 1992.

"Even though we are primarily a liberal arts institution, we want to insure that we have high-caliber faculty in the areas of science and technology," he said. "We see the university as being in a building mode in terms of the number of faculty members holding doctoral degrees in their fields, attracting highly-qualified new faculty members and attracting more students."

Swain said the most immediate beneficiaries of the grant will be the professors but that the students will benefit in the long term.

"This will enhance the quality of education at the university," he said. "When individuals are able to study and earn the terminal degree in their specialty, they increase the knowledge they are able to bring back to the classroom as instructors."

The BellSouth Foundation is a multi-million-dollar endowment administered by the BellSouth Corp., the parent company of Southern Bell.

Lois Fisher, the district manager for Southern Bell in Raleigh, presented a check for the grant to Shaw's new president, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw in Raleigh.

"Southern Bell has a long history of supporting education in general and education for women and minorities in particular," Fisher said. "This grant reaffirms that commitment.

"The pursuit of excellence is one of our corporate values," she said. "With this grant we hope to encourage excellence and achievement in the classroom just as we encourage these ideals from our employees."

Shaw, in one of his first official acts as president, said he was pleased to accept the grant.

"I can assure BellSouth and the public at large that this program will be continued and, hopefully, expanded so that other members of the Shaw faculty may work for their terminal degrees as well," he said. "Shaw University is honored by the BellSouth Foundation's recognition. We commend its directors for their farsighted leadership and their support of higher and minority education."

Swain said that continued faculty education was one of the priorities established by the faculty members themselves. He said the grant will allow a continuation of the Faculty Development Program, which is currently underway with three faculty members working toward advanced degrees in the humanities. The new grant will allow the program to expand into more technical fields.

"We're rezoning in on the areas of communications, business administration and computer science," Swain said. "Those areas have the highest number of students enrolled now. We also are strengthening our faculty in the sciences. Although the number of students in those programs is lower, there are many opportunities for further study and research."

The BellSouth grant will allow Shaw to annually select one professor who will take a year's leave of absence from Shaw while pursuing a doctorate. The professor will agree to return to Shaw when the leave expires.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

New Hope Union Youth Participation Trophy

The New Hope Union is proud of the youth who have attended the Union meeting at Piney Grove Baptist Church, Hillsborough, N.C., pastor, Rev. Robert L. Joy, hosted the teaching session. The Attendance Trophy was presented to Felton Grove, Rev. Stanley McClamb, pastor. They had 13 youths in attendance. Other churches represented were Buzzel Creek, Rev. N.T. Davis, pastor, 11; First Baptist, Lillington, Rev. Q. Penny, pastor, 8; Hickory Grove, Rev. J.R. Manley, pastor, 2; Piney Grove, Rev. R.L. Joy, pastor, 2; and White Oak, Rev. C.R. Tyner, pastor, 1.

Later at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. Henry Edmonds, pastor, hosted the teaching session. Again, Felton Grove Baptist Church took the Attendance Trophy home! This time they had 18 youths in attendance. Other churches represented were Buzzel Creek — 7; Ebenezer — 11; and White Oak — 1. We are always pleased with the youths' contribution to New Hope Union by their presence.



Pictured Youth Advisors — Rev. Brenda B. Roach and Rev. David O. Parrish. Youths from Buzzel Creek, Felton Grove, Ebenezer and White Oak Baptist Churches represented their churches well. Not pictured — Rev. Stanley McClamb, pastor, Felton Grove; Rev. David L. Massey, president, New Hope Union.

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MARCH 1989

13 Shaw Divinity Founders' Day Theological Convocation, Raleigh, NC
13-15 Shaw Divinity School Annual Pastor's Conference
14 Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting, Laurel Hill, NC 10 a.m.
18 Laymen's Study Commission District #2 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Wagram, NC
18 Usher's Convention, Executive Board, President & Vice President, 9 a.m. Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC
18 Usher's Convention, Executive Board, 10 a.m. Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC
19 PALM SUNDAY
23-26 Easter Recess — Shaw Divinity School
24 GOOD FRIDAY
25 Woman's State Convention, Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
25 Woman's State Convention, Executive Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m., Conference Room
26 EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1989

8 Woman's State Convention State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, Memorial Auditorium/Civic Center, Raleigh, NC
10-13 GBSC Evangelism Conference, Greensboro, NC
28-29 Laymen's Fellowship and One-Day Session (Place to be announced)
29 Shaw Divinity School Graduation Convacation Raleigh, NC

Martin Luther King, Jr.:

Theology in Context

(Tribute To The Life Of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.)

By Archie Logan
Acting Editor

This article presents an examination of the ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it focuses on the relationship between theology and the endorsement of nonviolent direct action as a Christian method to achieve social change.

Certain special features of Dr. King's situation stand out as significant for the scope and orientation of this study. First, there is the fact that Dr. King was self-consciously neither an ethicist nor a theologian. He wrote no systematic exposition of the principles of the Christian faith, nor did he systematically treat the data of Christian decision-making. Thus a particular understanding of the nature of the theological task is necessary before we can proceed to call Dr. King a theologian. If theology is an essentially intellectual, critical and analytical discipline, then it becomes difficult to consider Dr. King as a theologian in the traditional sense. According to the traditional understanding of theology the discipline is only indirectly and abstractly related to particular human contexts. However Dr. King's charismatic role in the struggle for black liberation is a manifestation of direct and pragmatic participation in the social and political arena.

How can I reconcile the apparent contradiction between the reflective, academic theologian and the activistic crusader? As suggested, a new understanding of theology is required. Instead of starting with the data of the Christian faith and systematically expounding its relevance to contemporary concerns, the kind of theology in which King was involved *begins* with the concrete human context — in this case, the dehumanization and oppression of the poor and the black — and maintains the concern for developing humanity as its central emphasis. In short, there is a specialized anthropological focus at the core of King's theological pronouncements.



Dr. M.L. King Jr.

It is not the intention of this study to debate the validity of such an approach. I am aware of critical perspectives which suggest that such an approach represents, at best, the confusion of theology and ethics, religion and social reform. Such is the critique offered by Joseph Washington, who suggests that in King's use of Jesus as a norm for Christian behavior "the absence of any real theological understanding is blatant,"[1] and that King was unable to transcend his roots in a black folk religion. Such a criticism is rooted both in an indentification with traditional theological norms and in an understanding of theology as primarily discursive. It is my thesis that King's theology represents a move away from abstract speculation toward contextual application. What King was concerned with was not the articulation of the "truth" of Christian humanity in general terms, but the bringing into reality of that humanizing possibility. His concern tended to move him away from in-depth analysis to application of what he felt were the self-evident principles of the faith. We must also note from the outset that it is not our intention to deal exhaustively with King's theology. We must face the tragic fact of Dr. King's assassination at a time when his tactics and principles were being called into question by more militant, aggressive segments of the black community. How Dr. King might have modified his stance in light of mature conceptions of Black Power and cultural nationalism cannot be stated with certainty. We are forced to follow an inferential path and to avoid general criticisms based on hindsight.

As a black American, Dr. King had seen and known first hand the dynamics of a racially exclusive society. In *Stride Toward Freedom*, he writes of childhood memories of Southern racism:

> I remembered a trip to a downtown shoestore with Father when I was still small. We had sat down in the first empty seats at the front of the store. A young white clerk came up and murmured politely:
>
> 'I'll be happy to wait on you if you'll just move to those seats in the rear.'
>
> My father answered, 'There's nothing wrong with these seats. We're quite comfortable here.'
>
> 'Sorry,' said the clerk, 'but you'll have to move.'
>
> 'We'll either buy shoes sitting here,' my father retorted, 'or we won't buy shoes at all.' Whereupon he took me by the hand and walked out of the store. This was the first time I had ever seen my father so angry. I still remember walking down the street beside him as he muttered, 'I don't care

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1420 Athens Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

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Usher's Convention One-Day Session

February 25, 1989
Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Church Representation Fee $100.00
Personal Registration $3.00

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, and members of the Baptist Family:

It is my prayer that the New Year 1989 will hold for you and the members of your families and the members of your church a full measure of health, happiness and success.

As we begin the New Year, with the Lord, may we begin with the full knowledge that we are "Co-laborers together with God" 1 Cor. 3:9. As Christian believers, we must be totally committed and valued in the business of converting the unsaved and cultivating the saved. It is not enough to reach the unsaved and baptize them, we must also teach and train them in the rigid requirement of Christianity.

Our General Baptist State Convention is about the business of teaching and training in workshops, institutes, and seminars for ministers, church leaders and members along with providing services which will assist the churches in advancing the kingdom of God. I am committed to give my all and all in order for our convention to continue to move forward inspite of adversities. I solicit the prayers and support of all committed Christians to help our convention reach greater heights in the New Year.

Paul tells us of one of the greatest secrets of his life in the scripture recorded in Philippians 3:13-21: "This one thing I do forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul had had a hard past but he would not be in bondage to it. He had turned his past over to God who was more than able to deal with it. There may be some things in the past year for which we should be ashamed. We may feel that we can be destroyed by them. Where we have wounded we should try to heal, where we have wronged we should seek forgiveness, and where we have alienated we should seek reconciliation. We can trust God in spite of adversities, in spite of what men say and do to us. If his providence is over the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, how much more will he care for us who are his servants?

As we face the New Year we can be free of enslavement to its fears, threats and intimidations if we know that the "Lord is our shepherd." As we set priorities for the New Year, what will be first? Money, self or ambition? Jesus has directed us to set priorities. "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness," he said, and "all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33, RSV).

Paul established priorities when he gave away one of the secrets of his life when he said: "this one thing I do. . .I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We can be assured of the fact that the New Year is a part of God's plan for us and that he is with us as we seek to do his will. Whenever we are in the plan of God's will, he will be with us in our hopes and fears, our weakness and our strength, our joy and our pain.

God in Christ has promised to go with us. This was his last promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:20, RSV).

The Be's For The New Year 1989
Be understanding to your enemies.
Be loyal to your friends.
Be strong enough to face the world each day.
Be weak enough to know that you cannot do everything alone.
Be generous to those who need your help.
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.
Be willing to share your joys.
Be willing to share the sorrows of others.
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
Be a follower when you are shrouded by the mists of uncertainty.
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
Be sure where your next step will fall, so that you will not stumble.
Be loving to those who love you.
Be loving to those who do not love you and they may change.
Above all **be yourself.**

The staff members at Baptist Headquarters join me in wishing for you and members of your families and members of your church families a New Year of happiness.

Litigation Terminated

In the case of David K. Rosby versus General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated and C.C. Craig, the North Carolina Court of Appeals ruled that there was no breach of contract by the Convention and that the Convention had made a good faith effort to accord Mr. Rosby full opportunity to be heard as to any grievance. On Rosby's petition to the Supreme Court of North Carolina for discretionary review, the Supreme Court denied the petition and thus, affirmed the Court of Appeal's decision. Therefore, the litigation is fully terminated. The following stated orders constitute the decisions of the Court of Appeals of North Carolina and the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

David K. Rosby, Plaintiff,
v.
The General Baptist State Convention Of North Carolina Inc. and Dr. C.C. Craig, Defendants.
No. 8810SC7.
Court of Appeals of North Carolina.
Aug. 2, 1988.

Former employee brought action for breach of employment contract. The Supreme Court, Wake County, Wiley F. Bowen, J., entered judgment in favor of employer. Employee appealed. The Court of Appeals, Johnson, J., held that employee failed to establish specific duration of employment contract.

Affirmed.

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Dr. C.C. Craig

No. 421P88 TENTH DISTRICT

SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

DAVID K. ROSBY, Plaintiff
v
THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. AND DR. C. C. CRAIG, Defendants

From Wake
(8810SC7)

ORDER

Upon consideration of the petition filed by Plaintiff in this matter for discretionary review of the decision of the North Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to G.S. 7A-31, the following order was entered and is hereby certified to the North Carolina Court of Appeals:

"Denied by order of the Court in conference, this the 8th day of December 1988.

s/ Whichard, J.
For the Court"

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, this the 12th day of December 1988.

J. GREGORY WALLACE
Clerk of the Supreme Court

Assistant Clerk

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

VACANT PULPITS

Union Baptist Seeks Pastor

Union Baptist Church, 233 Glenwood Avenue, Easton, Maryland, is seeking a full-time pastor. Candidates must be:

1. An ordained minister, with at least five (5) years experience as pastor of a church;
2. Missionary Baptist Denomination;
3. Preferably married;
4. Preferably between the ages of 30-45 years old;
5. Willing to relocate to Easton;
6. Education will be a definite factor.

Applications will be accepted until March 30, 1989. Mail to: Union Baptist Church, Deacon Edward Roberts, Chairperson, Pulpit Committee, P.O. Box 1043, Easton, Maryland 21601.

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Mr. John Garvin, Chairman Pulpit Committee
c/o Friendship Baptist Church
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Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Announcement At Pastoral Vacancy

With the impending retirement of our Pastor, Saint John Baptist Church at 3404 Beltline Boulevard, Columbia, South Carolina, is actively seeking a person to continue to lead her in a dynamic program of worship, christian growth, evangelism, religious education and missions.

Saint John is strategically located to serve inner city and suburban residents of Columbia. The 800 member congregation considers spiritual worship of God, religious education, cultural enrichment, community outreach for evangelism and upgrading of the quality of life of people as her top priorities. One of the chief missionary services is the administration and support of a preschool and day care center.

Ideally, a Pastor who has christian commitment to Baptist doctrine, is seminary trained with a Bachelor of Divinity or Master of Divinity Degree; has proficiency in preaching, teaching, evangelizing, and administering programs and schools; has counseling and pastoral skills, and is personable and firm in faith, should apply. The last day for the Pulpit Search Committee to receive applications from prospective candidates is March 31, 1989. Contacts should be addressed to:

Eddie K. Poole Sr., Chairman, Pulpit Search Committee,
Saint John Baptist Church, 3404 Beltine Boulevard,
Columbia, South Carolina 29203. Church Telephone Number
(803) 254-4170, Dec. Eddie K. Poole Sr., (803) 786-6837(H)

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



The Trip From Jerusalem To Jericho

I thank God for allowing me to see another year as President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Last year was a very fruitful year in our work. As we forge ahead in 1989, I want us to keep before us the story of the good neighbor.

One day a man was taking a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho. The road between these cities is a dangerous one because it is bordered by great rock where thieves often hide. As this man was traveling alone, he was over taken by a band of these robbers, beaten, stripped of his clothes and his money, and left beside the road to die.

Now that day a priest, one who served in the Temple, chanced to be making a trip along the very same road. Although his life was supposed to be dedicated to the service of God, he did not stop to help the dying man. Instead when he saw him, he made a special effort to pass by far on the other side of the road.

Later on, a Jew from the tribe of Levi, the tribe set apart to lead in the worship, also came by. But he, too merely glanced at the suffering man and continued on his journey as though he had seen nothing unusual.

Finally, a Samaritan, one of those hated half-breeds to whom the Jews considered themselves superior, came along. Seeing that the injured man was a Jew, the Samaritan could have felt that he had every right to leave him lying in the ditch; but instead, his heart was touchved by one who was in trouble. He stopped and cleaned the man's wounds with some oil he had in his baggage. Then, after bandaging them as best he could, he lifted him onto his own horse and led the beast to the nearest place of lodging. All night he sat beside the sick man's bed, doing what he could to relieve his patient's suffering.

The next day, it appeared that the injured man would live; and the Samaritan decided to continue with his journey. Nevertheless, before he left, he went to the innkeeper with some money. "Use this care for the man I brought here," he instructed. "If you have to spend any more, I will repay you when I come back by."

When Jesus finished the story He asked the question Who is thou neighbor?

As General Baptist we must become "modern-day Samaritans." There are many people along the side of the road. Our brothers and sisters in South Africa need a good Samaritan friend; the poor in America need a Samaritan friend; the homeless of America need a Samaritan friend; the unemployed need a Samaritan friend; but most importantly we need to reach out to those unsaved persons who are along the side of the road. Many people lost in sin do not realize how sick and hurt they are. We must find strength and determination to reach out to all those that are burden and heavy laden. Many people are suffering from diseases of the body and soul.

We as General Baptists must become a friend to those that are in need. I am calling on all General Baptists to become Samaritans in 1989. Please continue to pray for me and our Convention. May God continue to bless you all in 1989.

As always I am open to your ideas and suggestions to improve our work. Please feel free to write me at: Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, 919/821-7466.

HELP WANTED AT BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS

The General Baptist State Convention is now accepting applications for the position of a Business Coordinator.

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8. Prepare all quarterly and yearly payroll tax returns.

9. Any other administrative duties as directed by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

Let Us Say So. . .

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Just ending one year and beginning another year, we, the Woman's Convention and others, can say as the psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so . . ." Yes, God has brought us through another year — one of pleasant and unpleasant experiences; has steered us around seen and unseen dangers, has given us committed lives to His mission, has shared continuously with us inner joy and peace. Yes, God has given us another year — one to serve more in His mission, one to live under His sovereignty, one to praise Him for Who He is, one to give and support missions. O, How grateful we are as we begin this new year to God and you who have befriended us!

During this new year, may we let our actions speak gratefully for what God has done, is doing, and will do with and through us. Let us remember our objectives: Foreign Missions, $40,000.00; Central Children's Home, $31,000.00; Shaw University, $44,000.00; Shaw Divinity School, $30,000.00; Baptist Assembly, $15,000.00; and State Missions, $357,955.30, resulting in a $517,955.30 budget.

Through our actions, let us say so, Godly thanks, in this new year. Such caring and sharing will result in a Happy New Year for us and those whom we support.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, AUXILIARY TO GBSC

THE 1989 CALENDAR

January
(Prayer Month for State Missions)
14 — The Mid-Year Session

February
(Prayer Month for National Missions)

March
26 — Easter

April
(Prayer Month for Foreign Missions)
8 — State-Wide Leaders' Workshop

May
6 — Ministers' Wives Retreat

June
3 — Young Adults' Retreat
5-9 — Leadership Training Conference
11-16 — First Week of Youth Bible Camp
18-23 — Sec. Week of Youth Bible Camp
24 — Missions Prayer Day
25-30 — Third Week of Youth Bible Camp

July
15 — All Baptist Picnic
24-28 — Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention
24 — Banquet

August
(Prayer Month for the Family)
28 — Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

September
4-10 — National Baptist Convention, USA
24 — Family Missions Conference

October
(Prayer Month for Shaw University and The Divinity School)
14 — Institute Workers' Workshop

November
4 — Youth Evangelism Conference
6 — World Day of Prayer
(WBA-Woman's Dept.)
23 — Thanksgiving Day

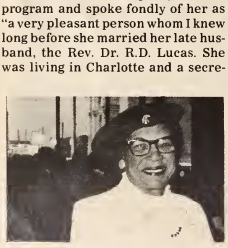
December
25 — Christmas Day

Jettie Mae Lucas Funeralized

Sister Jettie Mae Lucas, Recording Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, passed on December 11, 1988, at her home in Shelby, North Carolina after an extended illness. Funeral services were held December 14 at the Washington Chapel Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina, Rev. R.H. Rhedrick, Pastor, officiated.

Hundreds of pastors, ministers, missionaries and friends including Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary, WBH&FMC; Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary, GBSC; President Luella Edwards, WBH&FMC; and President J.B. Humphrey, GBSC attended the homegoing services.

President J.B. Humphrey was on program and spoke fondly of her as "a very pleasant person whom I knew long before she married her late husband, the Rev. Dr. R.D. Lucas. She was living in Charlotte and a secretary at the Saint Paul Baptist Church."



Mrs. Jettie Lucas

Ebenezer Baptist Association Moderator, Dr. S.A. Raper, spoke of her as "the kind of friend anyone would love to have."

Her friend, Mrs. Gertude Hamilton, spoke of her as "the kind of friend any one would love to have, dependable, kind, and considerate."

WBH&FMC President Dr. Luella Edwards spoke of her as "a very efficient secretary who took pride in her work, a strong supporter of the Woman's Convention."

Pastor Rhedrick eulogized her using Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the spight of the Lord is the death of his saints." He stated that Sister Lucas was that kind of person. She loved her church. She loved the Lord's work. She loved me, she loved her pastor."

Her only son, the Rev. David Lucas, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York, sang a tribute to her memory, "If I Can Help Somebody."

Surviving, in addition to her son, are daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, three sisters, and four brothers.

Sister Lucas was a retired employee from the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Office where she served for 25 years. In addition to her Convention affiliations, she was active in the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and local church activities.

Tribute To Sister Jettie Mae Lucas

By President Luella D. Edwards
December 14, 1988

The chain of the elected officiary staff of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina has been broken. Death has invaded our ranks and has taken away a most important link — the life of Sister Jettie Mae Lucas.

Sister Lucas was not only an ardent supporter of the Woman's Convnetion, but she was an active, positive, progressive-minded doer as well.

Her homegoing leaves vacant the office of Recording Secretary which office tenure would normally end in July, 1989. She served this office effectively with the expertise and skill needed. She was a good steward.

In our last telephone conversation about three weeks ago, she told me in her feeble voice, "Sister President, I want to get better so that you and I can go our of office together." But God seems to have said, "Enough Jettie, Come on home."

She leaves vacant the Directorship of our annual summer week-long Leadership Training Conference where she has directed hundreds of women in the training in missions at our Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, North Carolina. She was a good steward.

Her influence was felt as she led as a District Chairman of one of the most organized, most spiritual and most fruitful Districts we have among our ten districts in our Convention. She was a good steward.

Sister Lucas will be greatly missed because she enjoyed being involved. She was a lover of people; a lover of the Woman's Convention; a lover of the total work of Baptist in our state, and a lover of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convnetion. She liked progress and worked toward it. At times when needed, she used her sense of humor to lessen the tension in what might have been tense situations among people. This was the happy, loving child of God as I knew her.

But now she has left us to be with the Lord, and I do not believe that she would even want to come back to this world for any reason after having come face to face with Christ her Lord. For she has gone to that land that is far away. In that land where no storm clouds rise. In that land of an uncloudy day. We are told that God smiles on his children there, and his smile drives all sorrows away. In that land where no tears ever come again. In the land of an uncloudy day."

We thank God for have lent this precious soul to us for these few years. She will be missed. The Woman's Convention has lost a valuable servant, and as President of the Convention, the Elected officiary has lost an important member. But, I too, have lost a personal friend.

She has worked the works of His who lent her to us. Membrs of the WBH&FMC, and GBSC we cannot grieve too long, because I can almost hear her saying to us, "There's a lot of work to be done. Don't sit down idly too long."

Dr. Priscilla Brodie, our Executive Secretary, is present today, and along with her, the office staff, and the entire Woman's Convention extend our Christian sympathy to the family as we bow in submission to the will of God. David, (Mrs. Lucas's son), many of us here in the Convention watched you grow up in the Convention, and we are proud of you and the way you have allowed God to direct your life. You have our prayers for continuous success.

God bless you, sister Lucas, for your spirit will abide with us for years to come and your influence will not be forgotten.

WBH&FMC Seventh Youth Evangelism Conference

By Ms. Augusta White

A great number of young people and adults from across North Carolina filed into the auditorium at Fike High School in Wilson, N.C., for the Seventh Youth Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Jackson Chapel, Dr. T.A. Watkins, Pastor and the Wilson County Union, Mrs. Hazel Lewis, President were Co-Hosts for the Conference.

Greetings were extended the group by Dr. T.A. Watkins, Host Pastor, Mrs. Hazel Lewis, Host President, Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, and Derrick Edmondson.

Following the announcements from Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Convention, we went into the Mini-Sessions.

I. "Equipping Youth for the Unfinished Task in a Problematic Society" was led by Reverend A.W. Fullwood, Director of Alumni and Church Relations, Shaw Divinity School. "If you just tell it, it will make a difference. Jesus has power. We need something solid, permanent that will last. We live in a problematic society. Wait your term. Your time will come when you are ready and responsible. You have a choice. As youth you have to make a decision and you have to deal with the consequences. Let us be sure we make good decisions. Drugs will kill you; aids will kill you. You are not always in the presence of your parents, but always carry their presence with you. Major in things that are permanent or that will last. 'Being cool' will not last. Get an education that will last. Your eyes are scanning around the boys and girls. What are you looking for? Good looks are temporary. Look for something else. Find someone who has good Christian principles.

"To escape drugs. Know who you are. Remember you are created in the image of God. Be strong in self and character. When I respect myself, I respect others. Remember that you have to live with yourself and you want to be fit for yourself to know. Be able to say 'NO' and mean it."

II. "Christian Youth: Participants in the Unfinished Task Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" -- Ms. Rhonda Reynolds and Mrs. Phylisa Kelly.

Ms. Reynolds stated that some youth don't know the Lord. "We need to get involved and help them go to church. Families are not as close as they used to be. Today we only think of money, power, and more money. We should be grateful for what the Lord has given us. Peer pressure can be terrible except you 'hang' with the right friends. Christ wants us to continue working to bring souls to Him."

Mrs. Phylisa Kelly paraphrased Proverbs 3:13: "Happy is the youth that findeth wisdom, and youth that getteth understanding." "Let's take a trip into tomorrow. Your today prepares you for tomorrow. There are many opportunities open for you. Young people, get the Lord on your side; let Him be your guide. Once filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be better youth.

"It is important that you marry a Christian. The family will help you face the world, whatever obstacles you may find. Carry the Lord with you as you go through life. You can overcome drugs, suicide, and hold the family together by looking unto God. Commit yourselves unto the Lord.

"Education can help you to turn the world around. It is your hands to help correct errors."

Mrs. Vernie Williams, Associate Youth Supervisor, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, was in charge of the Question and Answer Session.

Danyelle Lassiter, 4th Vice President of the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, presented Reverend Ivan Davis, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurel Hill, for the sermon. Subject -- "No Where To Lay Our Heads," Luke 9:57. "Our task is to witness and invite someone to Christ. We must witness even in difficult times. We are to tell the story. Though we rest we must get up and be about witnessing. Let your light shine. You don't have to make it shine; just let it shine. Tell them that this joy I have the world can't take it away.

"We have no where to lay our heads means we must work and not cease. We can't give up because there is no where to lay our heads. We must tell that he lived, died, and arose from the grave."

Following the sermon the young people came to dedicate their lives to God. Others came for rededication.

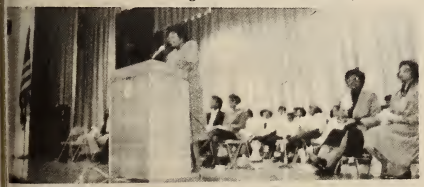
Music for the program was furnished by a choir of Wilson County Youth.



1988 Youth Evangelism Conference at Fike High School, Wilson County hosts: Jackson Chapel, Dr. T.A. Watkins, Pastor; Wilson County Union, Mrs. Hazel Lewis, President.



Rev. Alphonzo Fullwood, Alumni and Church Relations, Shaw Divinity School, a 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference Mentor.



Mrs. Phyllis Kelly, a 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference Mentor.



Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference.



Rev. Ivan Davis, Pastor, First Baptist, Laurel Hill, 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference Preacher.



Dr. Luella D. Edwards, WBSC President, greeting the 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference.



Dr. T.A. Watkins giving greetings — host pastor for the 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference as Youth Supervisor Barbara Hewett and Associate Youth Supervisor Vernie Williams, and E.V. Secretary-Treasurer Brodie look on.



Mrs. Hazel Lewis, Wilson County Union President, giving greetings at the 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference.



WBH&FMC Youth Department Officers, seated, and Wilson County Youth Choir — 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference.



Ms. Rhonda Reynolds, a 1988 Youth Evangelism Conference Mentor and Youth Department President.

King Tribute continued

how long I have to live with this system, I will never accept it."[2]

It is obvious that, in part, Dr. King's commitment to human liberation stemmed from his membership in the community of the oppressed. It is crucial to realize, however, that in the Christian faith he found the primary motivation — a motivation so intense, compelling and demanding that his zeal for human dignity would have been of prophetic stature regardless of his station and situation in life.

In King's thinking nothing was possible apart from God; with Him were all things possible. Therefore religious questions were answered by neither pietistic withdrawal nor scientific materialism, but in terms of action linked to God:

> Neither God nor man will individually bring the world's salvation. Rather, both man and God, made one in a marvelous unity of purpose through an overflowing love as the free gift of himself on the part of God and by perfect obedience and receptivity on the part of man, can transform the old into the new . . .[3]

This also suggests the primacy of religious categories in King's thinking. Christian understandings were not merely dragged in through the back door; it is obedience to God that provides the rationale for social action: "Your highest loyalty is to God, and not to the state or the nation, or any man-made institution. If any earthly institution or custom conflicts with God's will, it is your Christian duty to oppose it."[4]

Similarly, the critique of segregation is not merely based on political or economic considerations. King saw racist structures as antithetical to Christian human relations:

> Racial segregation is a blatant denial of the unity we have in Christ. . . . Segregation scars the souls of both the segregator and the segregated. The segregator looks upon the segregated as a thing to be used, not a person to be respected. Segregation substitutes an 'I-it' relationship for the 'I-thou' relationship. Thus it is utterly opposed to the noble teachings of our Judeo-Christian tradition.[5]

Here, in the recognition of the dehumanizing effects on both oppressor and oppressed, is one seed for a doctrine of reconciliation; another source was King's understanding of the nature of man in Christ or man conformed to God in obedience. King saw this perfect state as "a creative synthesis of opposites in fruitful harmony."[6] This was profoundly influential in his choice of tactics, for the future reconciliation had always to be considered. Only if black people could bring together "toughmindedness and tenderheartedness"[7] could they "move creatively toward the goal of freedom and justice."[8] In King's opinion nonviolent direct action avoided softminded complacency and hardhearted violence and was thus the ideal vehicle to bring about reconciliation. (Segregation was to be criticized from this same vantage point. By attempting to substitute a man-centered universe for a God-centered universe, segregation contradicts the quest for balance and results in "practical atheism."[9]

The quest for harmony and balance is evident throughout King's published works. It is derivative ultimately from his conception of God. King writes, "God combines in his nature a creative synthesis of love and justice which will lead us through life's dark valleys and into sunlit pathways of hope and fulfillment."[10] Agapé love is the highest expression of God's reconciliatory nature. Translated into human interaction this means that "we love men not because we like them, nor because their ways appeal to us, nor even because they possess some type of divine spark; we love every man because God loves him. At this level, we love the person who does an evil deed, although we hate the deed that he does."[11]

This brings me to an important aspect of King's philosophical theology, that is, his willingness and desire to separate an evil deed from the human agent who commits the deed: ". . . The evil deed of the enemy-neighbor, the thing that hurts, never quite expresses all that he is. An element of goodness may be found in our worst enemy."[12] By this logic, racism, slavery and injustice are all attributable to human weakness, ambivalence or unenlightenment. However a specific moral demand emerges at this point for the Christian church: "As the chief moral guardian of the community, the church must implore men to be good and well-intentioned . . . Never must the church tire of reminding men that they have a moral responsibility to be intelligent."[13] The influence of the "social gospel" as promulgated by Walter Rauschenbusch is evident here. In King's opinion, Rauschenbusch had done a great service for the Christian Church by insisting that the gospel deals with the whole man, not only his soul but his body, not only his spiritual well-being but his material well-being."[14] Thus King's activism was buttressed by the belief that:

> . . . any religion which professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the social and economic conditions that scar the soul is a spiritually moribund religion only waiting for the day to be buried.[15]

The most familiar building block in King's pilgrimage to non-violence is the so-called "love ethic" of Jesus, which he eloquently describes as "a radiant light revealing the ugliness of our stale conformity."[16] The significance of this principle for King cannot be overstated. "Love for enemies," declares King, "is the key to the solution of the problems of our world."[17] Without love the struggle for justice is futile. "There will be no permanent solution to the race problem until oppressed men develop the capacity to love their enemies."[18]

Closely related to the love ethic is the role of suffering; blacks are among the "creatively maladjusted" who are to bring about the redemption of the human race:

> Human salvation is in the hands of the creatively maladjusted . . . Christianity has always insisted that the cross we bear precedes the crown we wear. To be a Christian, one must take up his crown, with all of its difficulties and agonizing and tragedy-packed content, and carry it until that very cross leaves its mark upon us and redeems us to that more excellent way which comes only through suffering.[19]

The philosophy of nonviolent direct action, as King understood it, was the only logical option for his intensely moral program of protest. King saw in nonviolence the appropriate tactic for his philosophical orientation once he realized its social applicability:

> Prior to reading Gandhi, I had about concluded that the ethics of Jesus were effective only in individual relationship. The 'Turn the other cheek' philosophy and the 'love your enemies' philosophy were only valid I felt when individuals were in conflict with other individuals; when racial groups and nations were in conflict a more realistic approach seemed necessary. But after reading Gandhi, I saw how utterly mistaken I was.[20]

Nonviolence nearly emerges as the exclusive tactic, but it is not the only option discussed by Dr. King, nor is it the only one which receives his support. But nonviolence is clearly foremost in King's thinking. In addition to its logical consistency with what has gone before, other positive aspects are appealed to by Dr. King:

1. Nonviolence maintains the dignity of the oppressed and avoids the malice and hate of the oppressor.
2. Nonviolence exposes injustice to public scrutiny and thus neutralizes brutality and terror tactics.
3. Nonviolence is the balanced combination of the toughmind and tenderheart.
4. Nonviolence as a means is consistent with the ends sought.
5. Nonviolence is the only logical option in the face of white political and military power.
6. Nonviolence keeps the issues clear and avoids confusion.

King abhorred violence in any manifestation. His critique of the use of force was informed both by political pragmatism and by moral demand. Thus King was at philosophical and theological odds with the supporters of Black Power. Fundamentally King saw Black Power as negativistic. He argued that "Beneath all the satisfaction of a gratifying slogan, Black Power is a nihilistic philosophy born out of the conviction that the Negro can't win."[21] (Elsewhere King makes a more positive assessment of Black Power, but even then his emphasis is on political and economic self-development, not on the use of force.)

Dr. King's attitude toward other tactics is much more moderate than his anti-violence stance. He felt, in fact, that ethical appeals and persuasion had to be "undergirded by some form of constructive coercive power."[22] Included in the category "constructive" are economic boycotts, judicial litigation, alliances with labor and other mutual-interest groups. However King believed that nonviolent direct action would "continue to be one of the most effective tactics in the freedom movement."[23]

The ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was the embodiment of theological contemplation and nonviolent direct action as a Christian method to achieve social change. Dr King, in order to be understood or classified as a theologian, must first be seen as a minister of the Gospel. He established a new starting point for theology. Unlike traditional theologians who used the God/Man question as a starting point, King began with the human plight of the oppressed, the poor. He did more than philosophize theology. He transformed the "question" and the philosophizing of theology into positive concrete action and accomplishments.

King used the religious tradition to inspire oppressed individuals of America and the world to overcome, to become triumphant. A theology grounded in nonviolent direct action becomes a theology that does more than systematize, it becomes a theology that actualizes. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., more than any other Christian theologian, has realized that religious tradition has direct parallels to human plight:

> We are all one in Christ Jesus. And when we truly believe in the sacredness of human personality, we won't exploit people, we won't trample over people with the iron feet of oppression, we won't kill anybody . . . Man is a child of God, made in His image, and therefore must be respected as such.[24]

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Tapestry of Faith

Bound by Baptism

Despite differences, Christian churches share many similarities

By Rev. Oscar Burnett



Even if we don't understand our faith exactly the same way, we Christians are one family. Through baptism, we are linked together by the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of the Blessed Trinity. We are united in the one Lord Jesus. Our baptism, a bond stronger than anything that divides us, is the cornerstone upon which full unity flowers. Our union with and love for Christ is the key to our union and love in the church. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

We revere the same Sacred Scriptures; we embrace the same life of grace; we believe in the same Triune God; we are enriched by the same gifts of the Holy Spirit; we practice the same theological virtues of faith, hope and love; and we share many other common elements which constitute the church.

We honor Christ's great commandment to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. To give faithful witness to Christ, we share our respective gifts from God for the enrichment of the church. If our churches live in isolation, they fail to recognize their defects, do not develop humility, are self-centered, and lack the opportunity to practice charity.

Charity spurs on unity. Love, which manifests a genuine respect for the beliefs of others, leads us to understand and to respect the action of God's grace, which works through human freedom.

Churches, through common prayer, thoughtful dialog and cooperative social endeavors, have worked together in alleviating poverty, in strengthening family life, in overcoming the devastating effects of natural disasters, and in stimulating ongoing efforts of church collaboration in numerous ministries of justice, peace and social services.

Motivated by the love of God and neighbor, church agencies counsel persons with marital, financial, educational, social, religious and addictive problems. Our churches share resources and personnel to encourage cooperative endeavors through ministerial associations, ministries, programs for persons with disabilities and a special sensitivity to the spiritual needs of interfaith families.

Our church-related schools seek truth in love, allowing our sisters and brothers to freely define themselves. There are 36 such colleges in North Carolina. Belmont Abbey College in Belmont serves 550 Roman Catholic and 500 Protestant students. Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem serves 2,550 Protestant and 600 Roman Catholic students. At Belmont Abbey College, a Protestant minister teaches theology. A Catholic nun teaches theology at Wake Forest University. Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey College co-sponsor and operate The Ecumenical Institute, a venture in human understanding.

Many theological centers, seminars, workshops, pastors' schools, etc., produce such programs as "Protest, Prayer and Prophecy," a reflection on the personal conversion and social transformation of Father Thomas Merton and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The annual National Workshop on Christian Unity and authentic international and national interfaith dialogs provide a readiness for successful conversations and cooperation among dioceses, synods, conferences and conventions in North Carolina. Our local Christian leaders provide suitable means for autonomous churches to easily develop Christian rapport. Some rites of passage—weddings and funerals—draw people together across church lines.

There is a well-known axiom, "Unity in essentials, freedom in non-essentials and charity in all things." Unity combined with diversity ensures a climate of freedom. ◂▸

Rev. Oscar Burnett is director of The Ecumenical Institute at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.

INTRODUCING A NEW PAGE

Welcome to the first 'Tapestry of Faith'—an interfaith page of news and features produced each month for religious newspapers in North Carolina.

'Tapestry of Faith' was conceived a year ago by the Communications Committee of the N.C. Council of Churches, which is made up of editors and communications officers of several denominations in North Carolina.

The committee decided to introduce the page this month to coincide with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is Jan. 18-25.

Coordinated by Stephanie Conrad of Cary, the interfaith communications venture will address universal issues that cross denominational lines.

The page is supported by a $1,000 grant from the Kathleen Price and Joseph M. Bryan Family Foundation in Greensboro and a $500 grant from The Ecumenical Institute of Belmont Abbey College in Belmont and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.



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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

"Expect Great Things Of God . . ."



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

The shoe cobbler turned missionary, William Carey, summarized his transition and transformation in these words: "Expect great things of God; attempt great things for God."

That statement seems an appropriate philosophy for Shaw and its church supporters as we enter 1989. You, the religious community, are being counted on to join us this year and in years to come in great expectations and great efforts to make Shaw University the glorious institution that its founder envisioned.

As most of you know, the University's immediate focus is on a $3,000,000 endowment fund. Two million of those dollars will come from the federal government IF Shaw can raise $1,000,000 from other sources. Two dollars for one dollar should be an incentive that stirs us with zeal and enthusiasm.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has committed itself to the raising of that money. The **June deadline**, we believe, will be met and Shaw will have achieved its first step toward a much needed endowment base. Let me remind you that March has been designated by the Convention's leaders as SHAW MONTH. We encourage and humbly request every Baptist individual and organization under the umbrella of the GBSC to help us make March the culmination of a successful endowment fundraising drive.

Simultaneously with the fundraising drive for an endowment and continuing on after it we must concern ourselves about other financial needs: the cost of daily operation, funds for improving buildings and grounds, monies for salaries that will bring to Shaw some of the best in faculty and staff, and those funds that we label "for miscellaneous needs."

While money is important, and the key to many of our other needs, it is also a part of our planning to improve the academic atmosphere, the social climate, and the religious environment at Shaw.

Academically, we want to develop a curriculum that will challenge our students and give them a strong foundation for either graduate school or the job market. More than that, we want to lead them toward clear, concise and honest thinking.

Socially, our aim is to teach young people how to live in harmony with each other, how to appreciate their heritage, and how to respect cultures that differ from their own.

Religiously, we intend to set before our students those principles that recognize the existence of the Supreme Power, God, and his will for mankind.

Finally, we want to make Shaw's presence felt in the commmunity, in the state, in the nation, and the world. We expect great things of God and together we must attempt great things for God. I call for you to believe and act with me in making 1989 Shaw's **banner year.**

Sixteen Graduate From Central Prison Shaw University Cape Program

Sixteen residents at Raleigh's Central Prison have earned their two-year Associate of Arts degree from Shaw University's CAPE (Centers for Alternative Programs in Education).

Through Shaw University's CAPE centers at both the Women's Correctional Center and Central Prison, residents are given an opportunity to gain skills and knowledge that can improve the quality of their lives. This public-private sector relationship, now in its fifth year, is a model example of correctional service.

In addition to providing residents tools they need for coping, both inside and outside the walls, the program has a lasting effect on the self-esteem of individuals.

According to a recent Correction Department report, "Just as education is seen as a key to economic development in North Carolina, it is also seen as a key to the personal and successful rehabilitation of criminal offenders by the courts."

Shaw University operates seven CAPE programs/centers throughout the state, but the three programs at the prison centers, including the Eastern Correctional Center, provide "an excellent example of the private and public sectors working together to address a serious social problem."



Cape Program Graduates

Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.

To Lead Shaw University Religious Emphasis Week

By Dr. Ronald Swain



Dr. Jerry Moore

Dr. Jerry A. Moore Jr. is pastor of the historic Nineteenth Street Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., where he has served since 1946. For 20 years he was Chaplain to the Baptist faculty and students at Howard University. Presently he is Protestant Chaplain to the District of Columbia Detention Facility.

Dr. Moore was born in Minden, LA, and attended public schools in Webster Parish. He was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree by Morehouse College and received the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees from Howard University. He continued post-graduate studies at American University, University of Southern California, and Wesley Seminary. Bishop College and Virginia Union University bestowed, respectively, Doctor of Humanities and Doctor of Divinity degrees on him.

In 1982 he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Dr. Moore served as Council Member at Large on the Council of the District of Columbia for 15 years. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Rev. Moore is a past Chairman of the following boards: Transportation Planning, Water Resource Planning, and Air Quality. He was President of the Council of Governments for one term. He co-founded the 750 member conference of Minority Transportation Officials.

Many religious and secular organizations have claimed his services, including the Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, the Baptist World Alliance, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, the International Society of Christian Endeavor, the National Baptist Convnetion, USA, Inc., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is past president of the Baptist Convention of D.C. and Vicinity, as well as retired Chaplain from the District of Columbia Detention Center.

His community organizations are numerous. Among them are the NAACP, Urban League, Pigskin Club, UMCA, Operation PUSH, Columbia Hospital for Women, Northwest Settlement House, and Rock Creek East Civic Association.

Dr. Moore has been awarded over 150 plaques and certificates for outstanding service.

He and his wife, Ettyce, have two sons and one grandson.

Lee Appointed To Faculty

Dr. Elbert Lee, Jr., North Carolina Senior Citizens' Federation Board Member, has been appointed adjunct professor and Director of Gerontological Studies at the Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh in an announcement made by Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Shaw University's Vice President. He (Dr. Lee) was officially welcomed by Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President.

Dr. Lee serves on the North Carolina Senior Citizens' Federation, Inc. Board of Directors. He has been a member for approximately nine years, having served as Vice Chairman and Chairman. He also serves on the Trustee Board of Shaw Divinity School. Dr. Lee, licensed and ordained at the Isle of Patmos Baptist Church, Washington, DC, is the pastor of North End Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC. He attended NC Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount; Virginia Union, Richmond, Va.; University of Miami-Florida; Shaw University; Southeastern Seminary; Duke University; Washington Theological Baptist Seminary, Washington, DC; and Neotarian Fellowship and College of Psychology in Kansas City, Kansas where he received his DD degree.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Past President Of GBSC Celebrates 40th Anniversary

By Archie D. Logan Jr.
Acting Editor



Dr. E. Burns Turner

Dr. E.B. Turner celebrated his 40th year as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carolina, recently. Dr. Turner was called to First Baptist Church, July 22, 1948.

E.B. Turner was born in Goldston, North Carolina, which is in the northeast section of Chatham County. Following his graduation from J.S. Waters High School in Chatham County, he matriculated at Shaw University. He distinguished himself in the late 1940's as a student and athlete at Shaw. His undergraduate career culminated with the conferring of his first degree from Shaw University. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School and a Master of Theology degree from Midwestern Graduate School. Both Shaw University and Friendship College have honored his contributions to humanity with the awarding of the degree Doctor of Divinity. His educational pursuits continued following the conferring of his formal degrees with continuing education experience at both North Carolina Central University in Durham and Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

Since 1962, his resume has been replete with notable and important contributions to the world of politics. He completes his twenty-fourth year as a member of the City Council of Lumberton, North Carolina. He was Mayor Pro-Tem of Lumberton from 1965 through 1967. In 1976, he chaired the Robeson County Democratic Party and was First Vice-President of the North Carolina Democratic Party's Executive Committee in 1977-79. He served for ten years as President of the Lumberton Citizens Association. A peak in his political involvements was achieved when he was named President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. He served the League for two consecutive terms. He sits currently as Third Vice-President of the National League of Municipalities and Towns.

Turner's contributions to the City of Lumberton have included being a leading force in developing housing opportunities for the citizens of his home city. He was directly involved in the provision of approximately 600 housing units in Lumberton.

He is presently Moderator of Lumber River Association.

He chairs the Board of Trustees of Shaw Divinity School. It is noteworthy that during his dual tenure as General Baptist President and Chairman of the Shaw Divinity Board of Trustees that the Divinity School was admitted to Associate status in the Association of Theological Schools, an accomplishment occurring more than fifty years after the birth of Shaw Divinity School.

He served, formerly, as an editor of The Baptist Informer.

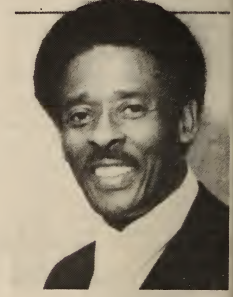
By his own admission, the accomplishments of which he is most proud involve his commitment to faith and practice. He has pastored the First Baptist Church of Lumberton since 1948.

He is married to the former Georgia Anna McNeill, herself a Baptist leader having served as President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. The Turners have two adult daughters and five grandchildren.

The anniversary was highlighted by a banquet and several worship services.

Dr. C.E. Dewberry Celebrates 22nd Anniversary

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor



Dr. C.E. Dewberry

The members of Gethsemane Baptist Church, 2670 Dr. Carver Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28208, celebrated the 22nd anniversary of Pastor C.E. Dewberry, November 20, 1988 at 3:00 p.m.

Reverend H.L. Rhedrick of Washington Baptist Church, Waco, N.C. brought the message.

Pastor Dewberry has led his congregation to pay off the church loan. The burning of the deed of the education building was another climax for the evening. Wherein Deacon Chalmbers Neely and Hercules Washington officiated in the deed burning ceremony.

Doing pastor's Dewberry ministry he has led Gethsemane Baptist Church to purchase six houses that are rented out to people of the low income bracket.

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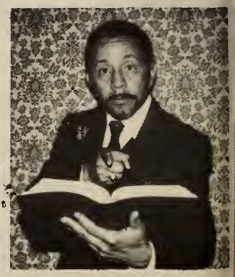
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Profile Of A Preacher

By Diatha Harris,
Regional Editor

Webster defines preacher as a person who preaches, clergyman and minister. I write today to define the personality of a preacher or I should say **the Preacher** which is a title given to the author or narrator of the book of Ecclesiastes; the Ecclesiast. The personality I speak is one of unselfishness, God fearing and very spiritual minded. The personality of the Rev. James B. Adams.

Rev. Adams is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Brevard, N.C. and District Developer of District I of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association, East Flat Rock, N.C.

As District Developer, Rev. Adams duties consist of coordinating the district churches in accordance with the main body, selling the Association to the public and act as the liaison between church and Association. As stated in the Associations Preamble; "We the Baptist Churches of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association in order to perform a more effective Christian Education and Mission, promote the general welfare of the Baptist autonomy for ourselves and our posterity.

Since Rev. Adams has held this position as District Developer, evidence of growth has submerged and taken on new meaning, innovative ideas, accountability of stewardship and giving and sharing has widely been proclaimed throughout the district.

In observing Rev. Adams and his committee members it is obviously of the utmost importance that the laity be totally involved in the day to day operations.

In speaking with Rev. Adams, he stated, "I have not been blessed with any special abilities. I believe that the strength of my ministry has been the many experiences of life that God has exposed to me. These experiences are not all work related. There is a long list of faithful saints who have encouraged, instructed and prayed for me. I rely on these experiences, my abilities of memory and my prayer life to keep me in the path of which God would have me travel." Even though Rev. Adams says he has not been blessed with any special abilities, the members of District I see it totally different. Rev. Adams has given of himself very diligently and always putting God first in his life. He is a dynamic and powerful preacher, a teaching preacher and an excellent revival preacher that Western North Carolina is blessed to have with such an outstanding character and abilities.

He is married to the former Carmella Powell and they have two sons, James Jr. and Wesley Adams.



Rev. J.B. Adams





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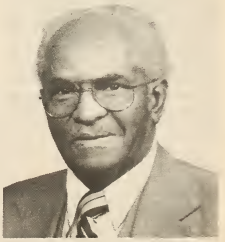
Rev. T.M. Walker Serving As Interim Pastor Of Friendship Baptist Church In Hickory

By Joseph D. Crocker,
Chairman Board of Deacons

Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, N.C. has chosen the Reverend T.M. Walker, a native of Rock Hill, S.C. as its Interim Pastor. The Friendship Baptist Church Family is pleased and honored to have a minister, scholar, and poet of Reverend Walker's stature serve the church during this critical period. Friendship's former Pastor, Reverend D.U. Cooper accepted a call to become Pastor of Mount Horeb Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Reverend Walker was reared from late childhood in Greensboro, N.C. where he attended North Carolina A&T University. He also studied at Shaw University and the United Christian College of Goldsboro, earning a Bachelor of Theology Degree in 1963. He was the first Black man to serve as Executive Secretary of the Cone Memorial Young Men's Christian Association in Greensboro, N.C.

A highly skilled administrator and speaker, Reverend Walker has pastored four churches in North Carolina and one in Virginia, serving each with considerable success. His last full-time pastorage was at Friendship Baptist Church in Gastonia, N.C. Serving there for about fifteen years, he led the congregation to erect a new building, increase membership, and revamp programs and activities of the church. In all the areas where Reverend Walker has served, he became active in community projects and civic affairs, and often was elected president of various religious organizations.



Rev. T.M. Walker

Although he currently classifies himself as "retired," Reverend Walker is still very active in a variety of meaningful endeavors. He has written a truly inspirational book, **To Everything A Season: The Collected Poetry of T.M. Walker.** Since starting to serve energetically as Interim Pastor, he has composed songs suitable for use in church worship services. Friendship Baptist Church is blessed to have him.

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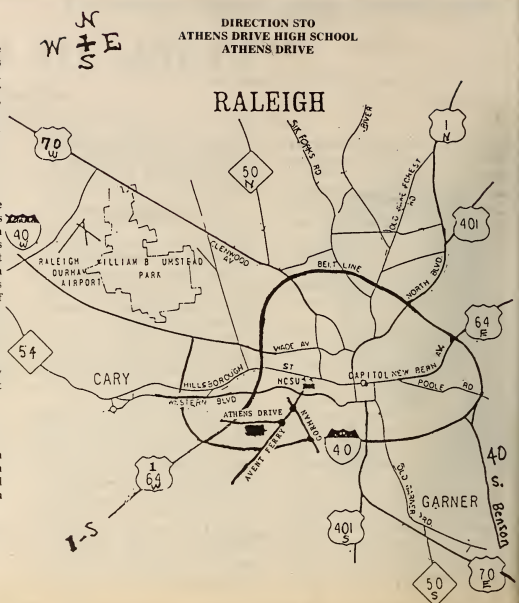
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6	Ministers' Wives Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
7-14	Christian Home & Family Week
13	Shaw University, Commencement Convocation
14	MOTHER'S DAY
20	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 10 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
28	Central Children's Home Parents & Friends Day 11:30 a.m., Oxford, NC
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By Executive Secretary-Treasurer WBH&FMC
Dr. P.A. Brodie

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On April 8, the Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center. Please pre-register with $2.00 through the office of the Woman's Convention and receive your Pre-registration Card. The session should begin at 9:00 a.m.

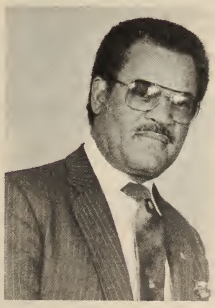
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Missions Prayer Day Programs may be secured at the workshop in April. All city/county unions' presidents or representatives are asked to secure some copies. Churches who are not in a city/county union may secure programs for cooperative meetings within their given towns or cities. Please cooperate in this prayer ministry and make this the best year and help to reach and involve more people across the State.



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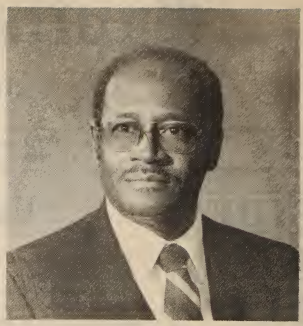
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By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig



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The officers of our convention, along with the Presidents of our auxiliaries, join me in expressing many thanks to you for your support and cooperation in promoting the objectives of the convention.

We would like for each pastor to know that our office needs a monthly financial contribution from each church which will enable the convention to meet its current obligations to the objectives; State Missions, Shaw University, and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions and the Children's Home.

We urge each pastor to lead his church to send a monthly contribution according to the financial ability of the church. Some churches may be able to send $50 or less, some $100 or more, some $200 or more and some $300 or more. With a contribution from each church little or much, the Convention could meet its financial obligations in an orderly fashion. Over and above our financial obligations to the convention, the month of March has been designated as **Shaw University endowment month**. Each pastor is asked to challenge each member to give $10 to Shaw University for the endowment fund. The federal government, through its Educational Department, has challenged Shaw University to raise one million dollars by June 1989. If this goal is reached, the government will give to the university two million dollars for its endowment, which will make a total of three million dollars. We urge each pastor to give his full support to this worthy cause.

Unified Plan

THE UNIFIED PLAN is designed to systematize the support to objectives so that each dollar bill will bring forth the greatest benefit possible. Out of that effort evolved the following proportionate—giving format:

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A. Shaw University	34%
B. Shaw Divinity School	10%
2. State Missions	30%
3. Foreign Missions	20%
4. Central Children's Home	6%

Your COMMITMENT to the UNIFIED PLAN is

A. COMMITMENT TO:

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Many young people who otherwise would not receive an education are finding Shaw University a beacon light shining brightly and lighting a path that leads to a better life.

Education means freedom, Christian Education means freedom in Christ. The 44% of the Unified Plan designated for Christian Education will return to us three fold.

2) **State Missions**

The Baptist Headquarters functions as a coordinating agency for the constituents of the GBSC. Without it, Baptists would be like a strange animal with many bodies and no head. The Baptist Headquarters functions as an administrative unit, organizing into a coherent whole Evangelism, Church Missions, Church Extension and Building, Institutional Ministries, Cooperative Ministries, Christian Education, etc.

The 30% of the **Unified Dollar** designated for State Missions brings forth a harvest whose value cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

3) **Foreign Missions**

The voice of Dr. W.C. Somerville is heard in the land saying, "No one should hear the gospel preached twice before everyone has heard it once." The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, the recipient of our foreign mission aid, expects us to help it spread the gospel to the utmost parts of the earth.

The 20% of the Unified Dollar designated "Foreign Missions" has helped provide support for missions in Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria, including the creation of new churches and the developments of hospitals, clinics, schools and seminaries. Through words and deeds our efforts have promoted the spreading of the gospel.

4) The Central Children's Home

Christianity has always felt a responsibility to children who, through one way or another, has been denied that home background and family relationship and spiritual growth. The Central Children's Homes has striven valiantly to provide that atmosphere. Members of the GBSC were in on that effort from the beginning. Our 6%, allotted under the Unified Plan, helps provide food, clothing, shelter, education and recreational activities for the children of the Home. We are giving these children an opportunity to develop, grow and glow.

I have seen during my tenure a great movement toward "reducing the multitude to unity." I have witnessed the pleasantries which come from seeing more of our "brothers dwell in unity." Now much of this unity thrust has been made concrete in the growing support of the Unified Plan. But we cannot rest on our laurels. True, much has been accomplished but much remains to be achieved. It would be falling short of our commitment to the task if we were satisfied knowing that some churches, some conventions, some associations have not reached the zenith of giving the Unified Way.

We do not equate financial support with Christian Stewardship, but it does serve as a gauge. And when you are willing to support with loyalty and with love programs that benefit people beyond your congregation, you are expressing Christian Stewardship in its highest concrete form.

Give the Unified Way for it is a Christian way of accounting for your stewardship.

The Usher's Convention met in its One Day Session Saturday, Feb. 25, 1989 at the Cumberland County Arena, Fayetteville, North Carolina. The session was informative as well as inspirational. However, due to the snow on many of the secondary roads across the state, many of the ushers were unable to attend. The President of the Ushers Auxiliary, Mr. Cleveland Griffin, joined me in urging the churches whose members did not attend the session to send their representation fee to the Baptist Headquarters within the next ten days. We need your support as we seek to promote the State Ushers Convention.

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

Learn To Read & Write Better

By Archie Logan

The following information is from U.S. Department of Education reports and *The New York Times'* 1988 series on illiteracy.

- As many as 23 million to 27 million Americans, nearly 10% of the population, are functional illiterates.
- A functional illiterate is anyone who is unable to read and write well enough to complete everyday tasks such as filling out a job application or reading a bedtime story to a child.
- The number of functional illiterates is expected to grow by 2.3 million a year.
- Illiteracy costs U.S. taxpayers about 225 billion annually in welfare payments, lost tax revenues, crime, remedial assistance programs, military accidents and diminished productivity in the work force.
- Over 75% of the unemployed are illiterate.
- Almost 60% of all prisoners cannot read.
- Forty million to 50 million Americans are marginal illiterates, meaning they can make out words, but cannot read well enough to comprehend a newspaper.
- Reading skills deteriorate when not used.
- Despite the fact that private foundations and government programs spend millions of dollars on literacy efforts, only 9% of illiterates are receiving help.
- America's need for higher reading levels continually rises as society becomes more technologically complex. Whereas a fourth grade reading level was enough to earn a living after World War I, a high school reading level is now mandatory.

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



I pray that each of you had a SPIRITUAL EASTER HOLIDAY. THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR SAVIOUR CONTINUES TO REMIND US DAILY THAT HE LIVES SO THAT WE CAN FACE TOMORROW.

1989 has been an exciting year for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I want to join Dr. A.L. Jinwright and Dr. J.D. Ballard for their call for all General Baptist to share in our 1989 Statewide Evangelism Conference April 10-13, 1989 in Rocky Mount, N.C., at the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. Thomas Walker serves as pastor. We all are looking forward to the Conference.

Drs. Jinwright and Ballard have asked each church to pre-represent with a contribution of $100, thank you for your support of the evangelistic ministry of the Convention, see form on page 12.

Also I am proud to announce our upcoming One-Day Session, May 2-3, 1989, in Goldsboro, N.C. Dr. O'Clee Lewis, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church will serve as our host.

Antioch, one of our historic GBSC churches was organized in May 1913 by Revs. H.B. Joyner, Peter Barnes, and B.F. Talton. In March 1980, the present Pastor Dr. O'Clee Lewis was called to lead Antioch.

Begin planning to attend our One-Day Session and Moderator's Workshop.

Below is information about the Session and motels:

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Change

By Mrs. Vernie Williams, Regional Editor

For the past few days, I have just stopped to look at the beauty that God has provided in the changing of the season. I have always enjoyed spring freshness but it seems that this year it has a different attraction for me. I attribute this to just being too busy in past years to take time to enjoy the many wonders around us.

Often during the day, I am rejoicing at some of the changes that I am observing.

Since I was very young, I have realized that not all changes were very easy to adjust to. Now I am finding it easier to adjust. Like other earthly conditions, some changes are good for us while others tend to be unfavorable. At this point, I feel that I am becoming the mature Christian that some of us have wondered about. I am looking back over the years of college, working, assuming the role of wife and mother, and seemingly too soon, the empty nest position. It is a happy time in my life and I know that God is directing my attention to His unchanging hand.

We have heard that "prayer changes things." I know this.

God sometimes comforts us not by changing the circumstances of our lives, but by changing our attitude toward them. We can all share our faith in God by telling others about the many ways in which the Lord has blessed us, even in hard times. I know about the hard times and I do not forget them. Remembering them helps me to appreciate the good days and praise God for each new day which He has made. I know that I have a mission and I truly set out to accomplish some of the things that God has especially for me to do.

I am sharing a recent experience involving a co-worker who told me about something that I had said to her during coffee break several weeks earlier. She is not able to work now, but I left her alone when she went on leave except to remember to pray for her. It was my christian responsibility to keep in touch with her especially since she said that she needed me to talk with her. I felt that she was not hearing what I had to tell her. I waited for her to call me but she did not. After a couple of weeks, I visited her one afternoon. I listened to her talk and finally she told me she feels the need for a change in heart and a change in her attitude. We feel now that she is on the path to effect a change in her attitude. I



Mrs. Vernie Williams

remembered that I was hesitant when I spoke some of the things to her during that morning at coffee break. The time was right and God gave me the words to speak to her. Several years ago, I too had experienced some of the feelings in the workplace.

All things are possible with God. Since our last revival at First Baptist, I have experienced a revival. I have always felt emotional and spiritual development from attending revival services; that is the reason for going. This year for the first time, I attended every night for a week and I have not been the same since. There were always classes or children's sports or other activities involving the family that caused me to feel that I could not attend every night. This year, I made changes in my schedule and put God's program first. I can feel the change in me, and I am beginning to develop into a mature Christian.

To adjust to changes, we first trade pessimism for optimism, and apathy for Pentecost. We turn to the twelfth chapter of Romans. We are to follow God to remold our minds from within, so that we may prove in practice that the plan of God for us is good, that the plan meets all His demands and move toward the goal of true maturity.

Which change affects us most? How do we adjust to change? Everyday we experience changes. Some are so slight that they might go unnoticed for several days. Things do change. Do we change? Have we grown in Christian grace and knowledge? Is this change one of our greatest desires? Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first, the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Low-income Families Eligible For Tax Credit

By Mrs. Colene B. Stanley, Regional Editor

A broad-based nationwide campaign is being launched to make sure low-income working families with children apply for a recently expanded income tax credit by filing a federal tax return.

Need for the education campaign stems from recent tax law changes that greatly increased the 13-year-old Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and at the same time eliminated the need for 5 million to 6 million lower income American families to file an income tax return -- except to get money from the EITC. Unless an eligible family files a return, it risks losing a tax credit of as much as $874.

Under the new EITC benefit scale, working families that have at least one child living at home, and incomes of less than $18,576 in 1988, can receive the tax credit. For families with earned incomes of between $6,000 and $10,000, the credit is worth at least $840. Since EITC is a "refundable credit," those at the lower, neediest end of the income scale can get this money from the federal government even though they earn too little to owe federal income taxes. But they will receive a check from the government in the amount of their credit only *if* they file a federal income tax return.

The campaign seeks to alert low-income families that receive a W-2 in 1989 that shows no federal tax was withheld in tax year 1988. As a result some of these families may think there is no reason to file an income tax return and therefore will lose the Earned Income Tax Credit to which they are legally entitled.

The campaign also will alert families that they can apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit going back three years and that they also can ask their employers to provide the credit throughout the year as part of their regular paychecks.

The EITC campaign is being coordinated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonprofit Washington research group that focuses on programs and policies affecting low-income and moderate-income Americans. Materials on the campaign, including posters, flyers, and public service announcements, will be available in late January. Those interested in participating in the outreach campaign can write to the Center at 236 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Suite 305, Washington, DC 20002.

"Women, Faith & Housing:

A Decent Place To Live Conference

April 7-8, 1989

Many of the people without adequate housing are women and their children. For women, the availability of adequate, affordable housing may mean the difference between dignity and desperation.

To address these issues, the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South and the North Carolina Council of Churches Committee for Equal Rights are sponsoring a conference, WOMEN, FAITH, & HOUSING: A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE April 7-8, 1989 (5:00 p.m. Friday to 4:00 p.m. Saturday) First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St., Durham, NC.

The goal of this gathering is to involve people of faith in efforts to increase affordability, access, and quality of housing for low and moderate income people, especially for women and their children.

The conference is made possible in part by grants from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Further support and sponsorship comes from the North Carolina Low-Income Housing Coalition, Church Women United, the Catholic Dioceses of Charlotte and Raleigh, and the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Cushing Dolbeare, founder of the National Coalition for Low Income Housing, will be a featured speaker. Workshops will be led by people across the state involved in housing efforts.

The conference is open to anyone interested in the issue. A registration fee of $15 includes Friday supper and Saturday lunch.

Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month

Between Resurrection And Ascension: Liberation



Rev. Henry L. Edmonds

"After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." (NIV Acts 1:3).

By Rev. Henry L. Edmonds, Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.

The great evidence of the resurrection of Christ was that he showed himself to his apostles after the resurrection for a period of forty days. Today we have a faith based on the testimony of these eyewitnesses that Jesus the Christ lives. The proof is infallible and the evidence overwhelming. . .Christ lives. He walked and talked with them, he ate and drank with them, and again and again he showed them the marks of the wounds in his hands and feet and side. For forty days after the resurrection, Christ frequently appeared to his apostles in order to enhance their faith and liberate them from the unbelief, confusion and fear that had overwhelmed them after that sorrowful scene on Calvary's hill.

Today, as then, the resurrection is liberating truth to all who accept the proclamation that the one person in all of human history who did not have to die, chose death so that others could choose life by believing in him. To reject the resurrection is in fact a refusal of the gift of eternal life that is freely offered to us by the sacrifice of God's son. Moreover, the resurrection and our belief in it, liberates us from the fear of death, suffering and hardships. For the believer, the resurrection of Christ is our assurance that this is not all there is, whether in poverty or in health; in sickness or in health; in sorrow or in joyfulness, God has the last word, the final say in everything concerning us.

With Jesus' death upon the cross and glorious resurrection, Satan, the enemy of man's soul, has been conquered. The very gates of hell have been forged open and the captives have been set free to become liberated witnesses that Christ lives. As we review those forty days between the resurrection and the ascension, we become increasingly aware of the fact that something is happening. There is, in fact, a process of liberation taking place that will transform the world from an oppressive prison of legalism into a haven of divine grace.

In the stillness of that Easter morning a group of women come together early in the morning to prepare the body of Jesus for burial. There is Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus had exorcised seven demons, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, Salome and others. As the women approach the tomb, they discover that the stone has been rolled back and the body of Jesus is no longer in the tomb. Instead, they see an angel who explains that Jesus has risen just as he said he would. "So they left the tomb in a hurry afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples" (Matthew 28: 8). I am certain that these women who went to share the message of the resurrection with the other disciples knew that their words would be received as "nonsense" or "women's talk" given the oppressive social climate of that era towards women. Yet, this group of women who had been in the background all their lives, only permitted to play supporting roles, now are liberated in order to become leading ladies. They become the very first bearers of the gospel message that Christ is risen. In doing so, they find that they have become liberated from their status as second-class citizens and no longer will they have to remain in the background, but they too are able to become messengers.

As day broke on that Sunday morning, there was also a group of eleven men hiding in the shadows. Sorrow, fear and confusion had gripped and immobilized them so that they were useless. When Jesus died, the group became wrenched with sorrow and had lost all their hope that there would be a sequel to the life of their beloved teacher, Jesus. Peter, the natural leader, was crushed beyond bearing by the knowledge that he had denied even knowing Jesus.

Yet, within twelve hours everything is changed. Not only is the tomb empty, but Jesus himself has been seen on at least five different occasions by more than sixteen of his followers -- and it really was Jesus, not a ghost. They recognized him. They saw the scars from the nails and ate with him and drank with him.

In the light of all this impeccable evidence, their despondency and mourning are things of the past. In short, these disciples are liberated from their fears and in their place is a kind of indescribable joy. On the concrete certainty of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, rests the entire foundation of the Christian Church.

In these forty days, the disciples have come to believe fully in the living Christ and the truth of the gospel. They, in fact, have become liberated eyewitnesses. Jesus now commissions them to go into all the world preaching, teaching, healing and saving. And today God is still saying to us -- go! Tell men and women that Christ lives. Tell the poor and oppressed that Christ lives. Tell the blind and the lame that Christ lives. Should you be asked how you know he lives, there is an impeccable witness in every liberated Christian's heart.

Conference On Racism, Poverty And Economic Justice In North Carolina: Shaping The Churches' Response April 28 and 29, Winston-Salem

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

The North Carolina Council of Churches is planning a conference on the topic "Racism, Poverty and Economic Justice in North Carolina: Shaping the Churches' Response." The conference will be held in Winston-Salem at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on April 28 and 29.

There will be three major addresses. Dr. Jonathan Sher, author of "North Carolina Today: A State of Emergency, A State of Grace, A State of Anticipation," will address the topic "Poverty in North Carolina." Dr. Audreye Johnson of the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will discuss "Racism, and Poverty in North Carolina." Then Dr. William C. Turner of the Duke Divinity School will give a lecture on "Racism, Poverty and Economic Justice in Religious Perspective."

The workshops will deal with the following topics: Charity and/or Justice Ministry; Native Americans; Pastoral Leadership, Education, and Strategies for Local Congregations; Women and Children; Jobs, Wages and Labor.

This conference is a follow-up to the conference held last spring, "Resurgence in Racism: A Sign of the Times." Collins Kilburn, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, says, "This year's conference intends to look at the economic roots of racism and institutional racism which is reinforced by economic pattern. Racism is embodied and perpetuated not only in attitude but in stubborn and deeply rooted economic injustices. Poverty may be more important than prejudice in the struggle against racism. The matter is complicated, however, by the fact that poverty inflicts more white people than it does minorities."

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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

"All Things Possible" (Continued from page 1)

The first business of the committee was the election of C.R. Edwards as Chairperson and Priscilla Brodie as Co-Chair.

The state has been divided into four Regions composed of moderators and pastors from the 59 associations of the General Convention. Already each Region has held its kickoff meeting. In addition, district workers have been selected to assist the moderators in this effort.

The major thrust of the program to reach the endowment goal as established by the Steering Committee is to stress the month of March as SHAW ENDOWMENT MONTH with special emphasis on **Palm Sunday,** March 19th. During this period each Baptist in the State of North Carolina is asked to contribute at least $10 for the University's Endowment Fund. Such a commitment will mean achieving our goal with flying colors.

Purpose and program are ingredients of any successful effort. But these two must be supplemented with PASSION. By passion I mean zeal and enthusiasm. That passion must become contagious taking hold of all of us, body and soul.

That pattern of passion has already been detected. Churches are responding with enthusiasm, "All things are possible. . ." for those who are zeal to give themselves to this worthy cause. We call upon you, Baptist individuals and groups, to become Partners in Progress with us. We can reach this immediate financial goal. We must reach it, and with God's help we will reach it. Our **purpose** is clear. The **program** has been set. Let us show that passion will help us translate our dream into reality. "All things are possible. . ."

Shaw University Women Win CIAA, Beat J.C. Smith, 83-69

By Mr. Rudolph Williams
Contributing Editor

NORFOLK, Va. -- The Shaw University women's basketball team won its first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament championship in 13 years with an 83-69 victory over Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C. Saturday night, Feb. 25, at the Scope in Norfolk, Va.

Shaw saw a 62-48 lead evaporate when Johnson C. Smith reeled off 14 straight points. But the Bears pulled away.

Shaw was led by 25 points from Edith Jefferson, 21 from Arethea Campbell and 19 from Deborah Howell. All three players made the all-tournament team.

Ponjolia Starkie grabbed 16 rebounds and Jefferson had 12 for the Bears, who held a 53-36 rebounding edge.

Kim Brewington led Johnson C. Smith with 21 points, and Antoniea Sanford scored 20.

Shaw (83)

Deborah Howell 19, Arethea Campbell, 21, Allen 4, Edith Jefferson 25, Starkie 4, Williams 2, Adams 8.

Johnson C. Smith (69)

Quick 5, Antoniea Sanford, 20, Kim Brewington 21, Angela Hamilton 15, Williams 6, Lorne 2.

Halftime: Shaw, 40-37. Records: Shaw 18-7, Johnson C. Smith 20-9.



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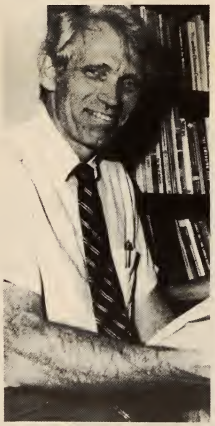
An Ecumenical Witness

Council of Churches enables churches to work together

By Collins Kilburn

RALEIGH—The N.C. Council of Churches is a spiritual fellowship and cooperative agency of and for churches in North Carolina. The council brings together church bodies of the state for worship, dialog and joint action. Twenty-five church bodies representing 16 communions comprise the council membership.

The goals and programs are determined by the member bodies, which seek to respond to the Gospel through an ecumenical and representative process. The basis for membership is expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of the N.C. Council of Churches:



Collins Kilburn

"The North Carolina Council of Churches welcomes to its membership all those judicatories that accept Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God and Savior of the world, and that sincerely purpose to bear ecumenical witness to Him through the medium of the Council."

The purposes of the organization are several. A basic one is simply to show forth and celebrate the unity which God in Christ has given to the churches. Unity is not something we fabricate. It is initially a gift. It is already established through Christ and the work of the Spirit. In the Council, the member churches claim and proclaim this given reality. But, of course, the gift of unity is not full actualized. Division and disunity are evident in our institutions.

A second purpose of the Council is to find ways to make our unity manifest. This is done by praying and talking together, but also by working together around particular concerns.

A third purpose of the Council is to enable churches to work together on concerns, especially where effectiveness is enhanced by cooperative action. For the most part, churches face similar problems and carry on similar activities. Often it makes sense for churches to face common problems together and to collaborate on mission and outreach efforts.

This leads to the fourth purpose—to witness for justice and peace in the name of God in the public sphere. Historically, this has been a major emphasis. Social issues, mainly those related to poverty, racism and war, have played a prominent role in drawing the churches together for ecumenical action.

A major part of our social justice ministry is the legislative program, which is currently high on the council's agenda as the N.C. General Assembly prepares to convene.

This year, the Council has identified the following areas of concern: an expansion of day-care programs for children and families; abolition of corporal punishment in day-care centers and schools; and an expansion of community service penalties for non-dangerous criminal offenders as an alternative to massive prison building. Council representatives will present these concerns to lawmakers and representatives.

Racism is a long-standing item on the Council's agenda. Happily, most of the major black denominations are members of the Council, and have been since the 1940s. A conference is being planned for the spring on "Poverty, Racism and Economic Justice in North Carolina: Shaping the Church's Response."

Equal Rights for women is another ongoing interest. The Council's Equal Rights Committee addresses justice in health care and housing issues for low-income persons.

In the area of peacemaking, a recent emphasis has been linking U.S. Christians with believers in the Soviet Union through travel seminars and educational events. Central America, the arms race and South Africa have also been subjects for study and action.



Other areas of Council activity include disaster recovery assistance in response to recent tornados, the rural and farm crisis, the condition of migrant farm workers, the resurgence of fundamentalism and local ecumenical ministries.

The process and the experience of working together in these many groups and subgroups are probably just as important as the programs produced. In the process, we learn what it means to be "one in the Spirit . . . one in the Lord."

The member communions of the N.C. Council of Churches are African Methodist Episcopal Church; African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; General Baptist; Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Church of the Brethren Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); the Episcopal Church; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Moravian Church in America; Presbyterian Church (USA); Religious Society of Friends; Roman Catholic Church; The United Church of Christ; The United Methodist Church; and six Baptist congregations. ◂▸

Collins Kilburn is executive director of the N.C. Council of Churches.

American Baptist Churches Of The South To Meet

By Rev. Dr. Wendell A. Johnson
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Winston Salem, N.C. and

April 25-29, 1989 are the dates of the 19th Annual Session of the American Baptist Churches of the South. The sessions will be held in Nashville, Tennessee at the First Baptist Church — Capitol Hill and the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel. Begin NOW to make your plans to attend and bring someone with you. The theme is "A Celebration of God's Presence and Power Yesterday — Today — Tomorrow" Colossians 1:3-5.

Churches and individuals are encouraged to Pre-Register by using the Registration Form and by indicating your meal and workshop selections. Please return the form with the required check to ABCOTS' office so as to be received **no later than March 30, 1989.**

ABCOTS' **ByLaws** state, "each local congregation shall be entitled to three (3) delegates (one of whom may be the pastor) for the first 100 resident members or less, plus one delegate for each additional 300 resident members or major fraction thereof. Delegates shall be certified by the congregation as its official representatives." **Other members of the congregation may attend as Visitors, but not as voting Delegates.**

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For information, write or call Dr. Walter L. Parrish II, Executive Minister, 525 Main St., Suite 105, Laurel, MD 20707-4995; (301) 498-0100.



Rev. Wendell A. Johnson
President American Baptist Churches of The South

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

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The Prison Ministry Committee of the GBSC is chaired by Rev. John Prince Jr. Pictured above are persons that attended the annual committee's banquet. Speakers included Dr. Aaron Johnson, secretary, N.C. Department of Corrections, Rev. Nathan Boykin, Librarian, N.C. Department of Corrections, Rev. Ronald Avery, Director, Wake County Lock-up.

The Theology Of Black Popular Music

By Dr. John Michael Spencer

While the field of ethnomusicology — musicology as an anthropologically informed discipline — has been largely responsible for establishing scholarly interest in folk music, one of the missions of the new discipline of theomusicology I am developing is to initiate intellectual interest in popular music. The study of popular music is probably the most effective means of decoding the theology of the nation's vast popular culture. Convincing people that popular music has a theology may be a difficult task, for academicians (particular religionists) have always responded to popular music and popular culture by either ignoring or condemning it. Those who ignore it often do so in order to avoid being accused of journalism, while those who condemn it feel that its consumer-tailored plasticity affords little if any authentic insight into the way people perceive their existence, that is, what their reasons are for being religious or unreligious, and what their suggested solutions are to the sundry dilemmas and (d)evils of human society.

Nevertheless, the use of music as a means of intellectual inquiry into the theology of American popular culture can be pivotal and prophetic scholarship. A number of published essays substantiate this assertion: "On Afro-American Popular Music," "Sex and Suicide," and "In Memory of Marvin Gaye" by philosopher Cornel West, "Religion, Rock and Eroticism" by sociologist of religion Alton B. Pollard III, and "Rap, Race and Reality" by Michael Eric Dyson. In "Sex and Suicide," for instance, West concedes that the clue to the answer of the perplexing questions of sex and suicide among the nation's youth came to him only after listening to record albums of popular performing artist Prince. These recordings, he said, articulate the serious conflicts and contradictions experienced by today's youth, dilemmas for which neither church nor society offer any serious response. Pollard, who also writes on Prince in his essay, concludes that "This musical virtuoso embodies so many of the contradictions of modern life... that he is, in our estimation, a most relevant human metaphor for the myriad questions awaiting a response from contemporary religion." Again West further argues in his piece "Afro-American Popular Music" that by taking this music seriously "one can dip into the multileveled life-worlds of black people."

Although West denotes the music of Marvin Gaye an "artistic Christian witness," theomusicology is neither suggesting that the Church ordain this sect of popular musicians nor baptize their followers. Besides, in the secular world many of these performing artists are already high priests who go about casting out (d)evils of despair by musically thematizing life's mysteries with a secular theology.

These are the sorts of issues to be discussed at the First Conference in Theomusicology to be held at the Duke Divinity School April 7-8, 1989. Among the black musicians to be examined theologically are Thelonious Monk, James Brown, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Al Green, Prince and Michael Jackson. The essays will be published and later made available to those who attend the conference. The pre-registration fee is $15. Contact Jon Michael Spencer at the Divinity School (684-3234) before the limited seating is filled.

Installed as Fifth Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Chatham County

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor



Rev. L.D. Jones

Rev. L.D. Jones, a native of Williamston, N.C., Martin County, was one of twelve children. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Ms. Brenda Betts of Route 3, Apex, N.C. and they have two children, Torrie, age 10 and Latoya, age 8. They reside at 300 Terraceview Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C.

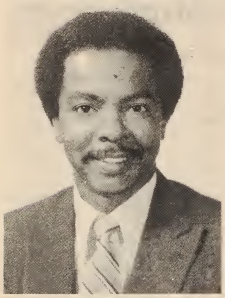
He was educated in the Williamston's School System, where he received his secondary education, later he received a Diploma in Culinary Arts (Cooking) at Bastin Ridge Job Corp Center of Morganfield, K.Y. (1972). He received the Bachelor of Theology, from Union Christian Bible Institute of Durham, N.C. (1984) and is now pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree at UCBI.

He is a member of the Chatham Community Branch, NAACP, serving as Religious Coordinator; a member of the Chapel Hill Ministerial Alliance, serving as Vice President; a member of the Habitat for Humanity; a member of Mt. Olive Masonic Lodge, PHA, serving as Junior Warden; a member of the Chapel Hill Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, serving as King; a member of the Wilson-Weaver Commandry, Knight Templar, serving as Eminent Commander, a member of the UCBI Alumni, serving as Vice President and a member of the Randolph Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, serving as Associate Patron.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Rev. McCollum Receives Degree

By J. Vincent Terry, Staff Writer



Rev. C.E. McCollum

CONGRATULATIONS REV. McCOLLUM!!

Rev. C.E. McCollum Sr., pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church in Halifax and Oak Grove Baptist Church in Littleton, N.C., was awarded the Master of Divinity Degree by the International Bible Institute and Seminary in Florida.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. He is currently employed as a teacher with the Deerfield Correctional Center in Capron, Va.

His community organizations are numerous. Among them are Neuse River and Reedy Creek Associations, NAACP, Black Caucus and Rehabilitative Educational Association. In 1985 he was listed in "Who's Who Among Black Americans."

Rev. McCollum is the son of Mrs. Helen McCollum and the late Mr. Charlie H. McCollum. He has three sons: MarShane, Anthony and Charles Jr.

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E.B. Wilkerson Called To Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, N.C.

By Joseph D. Crocker, Chairman Board of Deacons

The Rev. E.B. Wilkerson, Sr. has begun the pastorship of Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, N.C. He replaces the Reverend D.U. Cooper who is now pastoring at Mount Horeb Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and the Reverend T.M. Walker who served as Interim Pastor from April 1988 until January 1989.

Reverend Wilkerson is married to the former Martha Parker, and they have four children, Andre, Edward, Jason and Angela. He is a native of Marion, N.C. and received his secondary education at Happy Plains High School in Taylorsville, N.C. He is currently enrolled in the Shaw University C.A.P.E. Program at High Point, N.C.

He was an assistant to the pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Marion, N.C. from 1975 to 1977, when he began pastoring at his most recent church, Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Claremont, N.C. He has been active as a chaplain at the Shaw University C.A.P.E. Center, a member of the North Carolina Client Council of Legal Services, and a member of the N.A.A.C.P. Reverend Wilkerson is currently Moderator, and Executive Board Member and Secretary of the Ordaining Council of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association. He has previously served as Director of Christian Education for the same association.



Rev. & Mrs. E.B. Wilkerson

The Friendship Baptist Church Family is pleased to have Reverend Wilkerson as Pastor and looks forward to working with him to carry out the objectives of the church in accordance with God's will.

Racism And Prison

By Charles Carney

If white America was called into court and charged with the crime of disproportionately jailing blacks, the prosecution would have a strong case.

-- A 1979 government survey revealed that about one out of every five black men would go to prison in his lifetime. Imprisonment rates have spiraled since then, and the proportion is now closer to one out of every four.

-- Nationally, blacks go to prison at a rate of nearly 10 times that of whites. (1984 statistics)

Not many would argue against the belief that those convicted of crimes should be confronted and held accountable. I agree, but I also find myself asking: "Who will confront society about the racist practice of imprisoning blacks at a higher rate than any other country in the world (including South Africa)?

In America, blacks fall below the poverty level at a rate of four times that of whites. I mention poverty and unemployment because these are the most obvious contributors to crime and subsequent imprisonment. Given the fact that blacks are disproportionately represented in these categories, it is not surprising that we find more of them committing crimes and ending up behind bars.

Even when charged with crimes, it is well documented that the accused who have money are less likely to spend time behind bars. The most obvious reason is that monied people can afford bail. Plus, when they come to trial they often have obtained the best lawyer money can buy. The disproportionate number of blacks caught in the web of poverty do not fare as well when it comes time to post bond or to find legal representation.

Dostoevsky said that if you want to learn about society, look into its prisons. When we look into American jails and prisons, we see a magnification of America's racism. We see a largely black population, shut out, ignored and forgotten. We see a people whose suffering does not bring wholeness, only brokenness and resentment. Sound familiar?

The prosecution has presented the evidence. Closing arguments are finished. The jury has returned to the courtroom. The judge asks the lead juror: "What say ye?" "Guilty as charged" comes the reply.

The judge responds: "All right then. In the matter of sentencing, I cannot put all of white America in jail. There are just too many of you. Besides, you are already captive to your own racism. So I am sentencing all of you to three things: Number one, you must confront your own racist attitudes and realize the ways you scapegoat others. Number two, you must work toward abolishing prisons. Number three, until such time as prisons are abolished, you must visit those in prison, and try to narrow this inexcusable gap between the races."

Court adjourned.

Tania M. Butler Serves As Congressional Page

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

Tania M. Butler, daughter of Deacon Joseph W. Butler and Deaconess Etherine P. Butler of Shallotte, North Carolina served as a Congressional Page in Washington, D.C. where she attends public school.

She is sixteen years old and enjoys attending church and performing and participating in religious activities in the community, around the state of North Carolina, and Washington, D.C.

Her tenure as a page began on September 4, 1988, and she completed her stay on January 27, 1989.

In her home church, Tania serves as youth president of the missionary department, Sunday School secretary, youth choir president, pianist for the youth and junior choirs, and a member of the Usher Board at Mt. Zion Church in Longwood, North Carolina. Mrs. Lillie Frank is her supervisor.

Also, Tania is president of the Ocean View Auxiliary youth department, where Mrs. Arvella Marlow is her supervisor and her assistant is Mrs. Dorothy Frink. On the state level, Tania has served as 4th Vice President, 3rd Vice President, and now serving as 1st Vice President of the youth department. Her state supervisor is Mrs. Barbara Hewett of Supply, North Carolina.



Tania Makeise Butler

Tania was appointed to serve as a Page by Congressman Charles G. Rose of the 7th Congressional District.

Her pastor is the Rev. Dr. M.C. Herring, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Longwood, N.C. Dr. Herring is a loyal GBSC pastor and supporter.

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

(Continued from page 1)

Highlights Of The 1989 One Day Session Of The State Sunday School And Baptist Training Union Congress

By M. Mildred Martin,
Acting Assistant Secretary

Introduction. Widespread interest in upgrading the program of Christian Education in the local church was quite evident as approximately nine hundred pastors, superintendents, other officers, teachers, and youth from churches throughout the state convened at the Athens Drive High School in Raleigh, Saturday, February 11, 1989 for the One Day Session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, an Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. with the president, Cedric H. Jones, presiding.

The devotional moments, workshops, theme lesson and address, the educational sermon, music, and business session were all directed toward providing a functional Christian guide for both individual and corporate implementation of the Congress theme, "Christian Stewardship: A Way of Life," as related to the State Theme, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task: Stewardship."

Inspirational Messages. In his presentation of the theme lesson, Dr. Arlee Griffin emphasized that life is a drama with the earth as a theater. God, who has made us His stewards, is the Owner and Lead Actor. The pivotal event in the drama is God's mighty act in providing for our redemption and in revealing Himself in Christ. God expects us to be good stewards of the material and human resources entrusted in our care. In the end, when the curtain is drawn, we are accountable to God who expects us to "be found faithful."

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, in his theme address, reiterated the same thesis as he emphasized the challenge of the unfinished task through Christian stewardship and tithing.

"African Awareness Month, February," he stated, "is a good time to recall our ROOTS. The church needs to be about the stewardship of self -- self-worth, self-dignity."

The thrust of his message with selected verses from 2 Kings 12 and Mark 12 as a Biblical frame of reference was that God will hold us accountable for the time, talents, and possessions with which we are endowed.

Complementing the challenging theme lesson and address was Rev. Carl Brinkley's dynamic sermon from the subject, "There is A Meaning in the Name," based on Ezekiel 48:30-35 -- the account of God's people, who, in the Prophet Ezekiel's day, were in bondage because of sin; but, who, one day would be moved to a place whose name means "God Is There."

In his inspiring discourse, Rev. Brinkley focused attention on four names which we must lift up -- must make OUR way of life -- to be God's faithful stewards: CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, AND JESUS.

Continuing, Rev. Brinkley stated that we must be CHRISTIAN not in word alone but in our deeds -- our actions; not just a proclaimed church member, deacon, usher, choir member, etecetera, but one who has been "born again" -- not perfect, but constantly striving for perfection.

We must be a CHURCH; not a building and its contents, but the "Body of Christ" -- a living, functioning Being.

As Christian BAPTIST Stewards, in the State of North Carolina, when we lift up and support the General Baptist State Convention dedicated to the Advancement of the Kingdom of God in the areas of home and foreign missions, Christian education, and other Christian endeavors as the convention deems necessary, we are exemplifying Christian Stewardship in action.

Rev. Brinkley's most important admonition was that we lift up the Name of JESUS whom "God hath highly exalted and given a Name above all others . . . Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

In conclusion, he reminded the group that if we truly lift up the concepts embodied in the words CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, and GBSC in our words and actions, we will KNOW that the Name, "JESUS," means "When We Get Together, Jesus Is With Us."

Music Ministry. Congregational singing in support of the theme including the "Negro National Hymn," "Blessed Assurance," "Trust and Obey," . . ., with Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and Waverly Camp as pianist assisted by Mrs. Johnnie Y. Sanders was rendered. Special music for the closing worship was presented by the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Workshops. Under the direction of Mrs. Hazel McLean, Dean of Instruction, informative leadership development workshops highlighting the role of the pastor, superintendent, BTU director, teacher, deacon, and secretary in the Sunday School/Baptist Training Union were conducted. Workshop instructors included Dr. John Fuller, Dr. W. Prince Vaughn, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Young, Mrs. Miriam Ricks, Mrs. Alice Mitchell, and Mrs. Mary Price.

Other Actions. In other actions, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, GBSC President, brought greetings from the parent-body and emphasized the importance of networking in extending ourselves to finish the unfinished task.

Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, solicited the financial support of the churches across the state that convention goals can be realized.

Dr. Leo Williams, Director of the Department of Christian Education, displayed the department's recent publication entitled **A Handbook and Study Guide: The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.** which he described as a step toward UNITY in developing informed constituents relative to the task of all segments of the GBSC in working with Christ in accomplishing His mission here on earth.

In his mid-year overview, President Jones encouraged leaders to remain faithful in attending the Congress' annual and one day sessions, regional workshops, and Christian Education Training Programs scheduled at the All Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill to gain insight for improvement in the teaching ministry in the local churches; to aid the homeless; to implement viable youth programs, single parent ministries, and prison ministries that address current needs; and to promote community economic development.

Other program participants included Mrs. Endyne Yates, Rev. Clyde B. Walton, Miss M. Mildred Martin, and Dr. Leotha Debnam, Pastor, Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, host church.

Resolution. Recognizing the importance of quality education for the youth of our state and nation, the convention adopted the following resolution in support of North Carolina teachers in their effort to secure an increase in salary and in government support:

"Be it resolved that the Congress of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention goes on record as giving moral support to the North Carolina Teachers in their quest for better pay and support of governments."

Youth Department. The Youth Department, under the efficient leadership of Marcus Mason, President; Mrs. Lotis Gloston, Youth Supervisor; and, Miss Mildred Hines, Assistant Youth Supervisor, was in session throughout the Congress hours. Activities included devotional moments, greetings, music, oratorical contest directives, a workshop, sermon, and a special youth endeavor. Program participants were Mason, Mrs. Gloston, Miss Hines, Mrs. Janie Clayton, Mrs. Jennifer Campbell, Rev. Darrell McGraw, and the youth of Tupper Memorial Baptist Church.

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By Mrs. Janie W. Clayton

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3. The Body: God's Temple
4. Drugs and Teen-Agers
5. Christian Responsibilities
6. Create in me a Clean Heart
7. The Joy of Salvation
8. A New Way of Living
9. The Lord is My Shepherd
10. God Will Take Care of You

Subjects for Juniors:

1. Jesus Loves Me
2. Be Ye Doers of The Word
3. Is There A Balm in Gilead
4. Take a Stand for the Lord
5. I am A Witness For Christ
6. Give Your Best To The Master
7. Showing the Christian Spirit Daily
8. Christ's Example of Love
9. It's all Right to Say No
10. Christian Parent-Child Relationship

Rules:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen (as of July, 1989) who are active in their churches. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students (as of July, 1989) who are active in their churches.

2. Contestants must be certified by their Training Director or Sunday School Superintendent.

3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.

4. Each contestant must compose and memorize his speech; notes will not be allowed.

5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.

6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on personal qualities (20), material content and organization (30), delivery and presentation (30), and overall effectiveness (20).

7. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation: first place $150.00; second place $100.00; and third place $50.00. Scholarship checks are awarded upon the enrollment of the contestant at Shaw University. In case the winner chooses not to attend Shaw University, the funds will be donated to Shaw University in the contestant's name.

8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive plaques of participation. All participants will receive certificates.

Churches, Associations and District Convention contests should precede the State Congress contest. Churches are asked to encourage their young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Correspond with: Mrs. Janie W. Clayton, Director of Contest, 202 Hillcrest Lane, Clayton, North Carolina 27520.

STATE MISSION

Plan Now To Attend The 1989 Statewide Evangelism Conference —— In Rocky Mount, N.C. — April 10-13

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Dr. A.L. Jinwright,
Chairman GBSC
Evangelism Committee

By Dr. A.L. Jinwright

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PROGRAM
MONDAY
APRIL 10, 1989

12 Noon	Registration ($100.00 per church, $5.00 personal registration)
3:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting, Ebenezer Baptist Church
3:30 p.m.	Evangelism Counselors Meeting Ebenezer Baptist Church

MONDAY NIGHT
April 10, 1989

7:00 p.m.	Local Welcome Program, Host Church & Area Moderators
7:45 p.m.	CONFERENCE MUSICAL Local mass choir and/or host church

TUESDAY MORNING
April 11, 1989

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Morning Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Devotion and Morning Meditation
10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Directions from Evangelism Committee Dr. A.L. Jinwright
10:40 a.m.	Lecture -- "HOW THE STORM RISES OVER THE FLOCK"
11:50 a.m.	Inspirational Music -- Georgia Guest
12 Noon	Morning Message -- "What To Do When Trouble Comes" Job 3:26

Announcements/Adjournment

April 11, 1989
Registration
(Churches $100.00, Personal $5.00)
Committee Meetings

TUESDAY NIGHT
April 11, 1989

6:00 p.m.	Devotional Period
6:15 p.m.	Lecture -- "Evangelism in a Troubled World: The Absence of True Love"
7:00 p.m.	Question & Answer Period
7:15 p.m.	Greetings:
7:30 p.m.	Worship -- Dr. Jasper Williams

WEDNESDAY MORNING
April 12, 1989

8:30 a.m.	President's Breakfast (Headquarters Motel)
10:30 a.m.	Registration
10:30 a.m.	Devotion and Morning Meditation
11:00 a.m.	Lecture -- "SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK THROUGH CONFLICT"
12 Noon	Inspirational Music -- Georgia Guest
12:15 p.m.	Noon Hour Message -- "God's Cure For Conflict" 1 Corinthians 1:10

Announcements/Adjournment

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
April 12, 1989
Registration
(Churches $100.00, Personal $5.00)

Committee Meetings:
Shaw University Endowment Fund Drive Committee Meeting
Missions Conference Planning Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
April 12, 1989

6:00 p.m.	Devotional Period
6:15 p.m.	Lecture -- "Evangelism in a Troubled World: The Absence of True Life"
7:00 p.m.	Question & Answer Period
7:15 p.m.	Greetings:
7:30 p.m.	Worship -- Dr. Jasper Williams

THURSDAY MORNING
April 14, 1989

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Morning Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Devotion and Morning Meditation
10:30 a.m.	Lecture -- "SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK IN TRIUMPH"
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Mid-Year Session May 9-10, 1989

Antioch Baptist Church, 601 W. Elm Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina

Rev. O'Clee Lewis, Pastor

I would like for you to take note of the fact that on May 9-10, 1989, all roads from the mountain and from the sea will lead to the Antioch Baptist Church, 601 W. Elm Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Reverend O'Clee Lewis is the pastor.

The Mid-Year Session will consist of Pastors and Moderators Workshops, theme addresses, reports, sermons and the presidential projections for the future work of the Convention.

We urge all pastors to attend this Mid-Year Session, along with many of their members and bring or send a large contribution for State Missions and for the other objectives.

As we approach our Mid-Year Session, May 9-10, 1989, at the Antioch Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, I am pleased to share with you a word relating to the objectives of our Convention:

According to the Constitution of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated, its Object is listed as follows: "This Convention shall undertake to promote and support Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Higher Christian Education, Ministerial Relief, Church Building, Church Development, and study and distribution of the Bible and Christian Literature to cooperate with other Missionary Baptist Organizations, to carry out the spirit of this Convention, and to engage in what ever other Christian endeavors as we deem necessary to advance the Kingdom of God."

An "Object" is a desired state of accomplishment that is described by a single noun or by a composite noun made up of distinct parts or elements. In this instance, the word "Kingdom" is the key to what we are all about. "To advance the Kingdom of God" is the underlying cause

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Dr. C.C. Craig

"Mother's Day Prayer" Focuses On Women And Children In Poverty

Maya Angelou narrates, NVC-TV Special
By Archie D. Logan Jr., Acting Editor

NEW YORK — The National Council of Churches is urging places of worship to commemorate Mother's Day 1989 — May 14 — with the inclusion in their services of a special of a special prayer for mothers and children living in poverty in the United States.

The text of the suggested prayer is: "Today, we remember the women who brought us into the world. Mothers and children stand together to celebrate life. But there are those beside us, in the shadows, who weep. They are the mothers of America's 13 million children living in poverty. Now is the time to make our hearts vulnerable, to listen, to open our eyes.

"Loving God, give us the light to see our sisters and their families who live in poverty. Give us the compassion to hear their stories. Give us arms to reach them, the love to hold them close. Give us the courage to take a stand, make a difference and work to eliminate poverty in our time. We pray together for the hope that only you can give."

The request coincides with the NBC-TV broadcast of the NCC documentary, "American Children: Poorest in a Land of Plenty" (set for 1 p.m. EST Sunday, May 14, time and date of airing may vary according to local affiliate schedules).

The one-hour program focuses on the chronic poverty endured by more than 13 million children in this country. It looks at how these children are denied access to proper medical, education and nutritional care from the cradle to the classroom.

Mother's Day is an appropriate occasion to be reminded of the alarming statistics on poverty in the United States, NCC officials said, "since women and children figure so prominently in those statistics. One out of every five children in the United States lives in poverty." Narrated by acclaimed writer and General Baptist Maya Angelou, "American Children: Poorest in a Land of Plenty," tells the stories of seven families. No longer the exclusive domain of the unemployed, the elderly, the homeless and the disabled, poverty now is unraveling the lives of the working poor and their families.

But "America's Children: Poorest in a Land of Plenty" also sheds some light on solutions to this situation in its depiction of those in church and community organizations who are reaching out to give children a future.

"America's Children: Poorest in a Land of Plenty" is part of continuing interfaith series on NBC-TV, "The Promise of America — II." Produced for the National Council of Churches by Scott Fraser, the film includes still photos taken by Eli Reed, the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer. The program was filmed in Hartford, Conn.; Bastrop, La.; and Denver, Colo.

Maya Angelou is the Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, N.C., and worships at Mount Zion Baptist Church where Dr. S.T. Churn serves as Pastor. The GBSC is proud of the many contributions that Ms. Angelou has made through the Arts, literature and culture.

Shaw University

By Dr. Ronald Swain

Of a grant distribution to Raleigh area colleges and universities of $7,500, Shaw University will receive $2,900, from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Unrestricted grants totaling more than $25,000 will be distributed to 23 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina this week by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among 735 private, accredited four-year institutions across the country which are sharing $1,200,000 in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation funds for the 1988-1989 academic year. Funds may be used as the institutions deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of other programs in elementary, secondary and higher education. Altogether, the Foundation has expenditures of more than $3,400,000 in 1988 or its educational activities.

Observations From The Desk Of The Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Associations and members of the Baptist Family.

We urge you to make plans now to attend this Mid-Year Session of our Convention, May 9-10, 1989 at the Antioch Baptist Church, 601 West Elm Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Rev. O'Clee Lewis is the pastor. Tuesday, May 9, will consist of registration, pastor's and moderator's workshops, welcome program by the host church, theme address and preaching at its best. Wednesday's session will include a theme address, reports, recognitions, special announcements, presidential projections and closing sermon.

Our financial goal for this Mid-year session is one hundred thousand dollars for State Missions.

Since our receipts for the past few months have not equalled to the forty thousand dollars ($40,000.00) monthly amount needed for the operations of our Convention, the one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00 for State Missions is needed in order for our Convention to pay its past and current bills and maintain its credibility with its vendors. Because of our urgent financial need, I am appealing to each pastor to bring or send one hundred or more dollars for State Missions. I am appealing to each moderator and District President to bring or send five hundred or more dollars from your association or district convention for State Missions.

I am asking each pastor, moderator and president of a district convention to be a mid-night friend for the Mid-Year Session of our Convention.

Many thanks to you in advance for the support and cooperation that I know you will give.

Giving and Receiving

John Bisagno said, "In my judgment the greatest thing I can do for a man is to tell him how to be saved; the second greatest thing I can do for him is to tell him how to be filled and how to walk in the Spirit; and the third, how to be rightly related to God with his money."

Malachi evidently agreed. After talking with the people of Israel about their belief in God and their approach to God through worship, he focuses on the matter of their giving. Malachi proposes a basic principle which can be expressed in one simple sentence: if you love God you will give to his work. A return of our money to God is a natural expression of our love for Him.

This principle is implicit throughout the Bible. Giving was always a part of one's response to God.

Exodus 25:1 says, "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering."

Exodus 35:4 says, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord."

Deuteronomy 16:17 says, "Every man shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord the God which he hath given thee."

Psalms 76:11 says, "Let all who are around him (the Lord) bring gifts to him who is to be feared" (NASB).

Proverbs 3:9 says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increased."

Jesus said to his disciples, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's (NASB). And he was evidently talking about and offering" (Matthews 22/21).

Paul reminded the Christians from Ephesus that Jesus had said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

In the first Corinthian letter Paul says, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Corinthians 16:2).

In the second Corinthian letter Paul says, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give" (II Corinthians 9:7).

Mid-Year Session

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of the very existence of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. Therefore, when we talk about our Objective, we use the word as a composite which include Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Higher Education, Benevolence, Church Building, and Church Program Developments or facets of our endeavors are designed to advance the kingdom of God in the final analysis.

The support of our work reflects the cooperation and the support of the President of the General Baptist State Convention along with other Officers, Presidents of the Auxiliaries, Pastors, Moderators, District Presidents, Staff Members at Baptist Headquarters, and all Members of the General Baptist State Convention Family. The General Baptist State Convention Family is constantly striving to be a Community of the Redeemed and a Fellowship of Love.

What is the objective of the General Baptist State Convention?

Shaw University and the Divinity School: Shaw University provides an education for more than 1,500 college students. The Divinity School provides training for men and women who are preparing to teach and minister in Christian Education.

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1. The upkeep of records of our state work activities.
2. The promotional work of our staff members in conducting training institutes, workshops and seminars for ministers and church leaders.
3. Provides summer work for Baptist students.
4. Offers scholarships for students preparing for church related vocations.
5. Contributes to a retirement plan for ministers and full-time Christian workers.
6. Co-sponsors Shaw University Campus Ministries.
7. Co-sponsors a Regional Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Foreign Missions: Our foreign missions programs provides support for 75 foreign missionaries in four categories (Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria). This support includes building churches, hospitals, clinics schools, and seminars, and provides preaching and teaching of the Gospel.

The Central Children's Home at Oxford: The Central Children's Home cares for boys and girls who are deprived of parents by neglect or death. The services provided are food, education, clothing, shelter and recreational opportunities to help discarded lives become mature adults.

The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly: The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is located in Laurel Hill, N.C. It is designed for recreational and teaching purposes for the North Carolina Baptist Family.

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



Two Approaches To Treatment

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Throughout my administration as President of the General Baptist State Convention, I have endorsed the concept of spiritual and physical wholeness. New scientific breakthroughs give hope to the many Afro-Americans that suffer with sickle cell anemia: Give God the Glory!

Following are excerpts from *Research Resources Reporters, November 1988 by John W. Johnston.*

"Treatment of sickle cell anemia, a genetic disorder that occurs almost exclusively in blacks and effects about 0.3 percent of black Americans, is currently limited to supportive therapy and management of complications. Two recently reported studies offer promising possibilities for treatment of this painful debilitating disease."

"Sickle cell anemia is characterized by the presence of an abnormal hemoglobin molecule, hemoglobin-S, in the red blood cells. Hemoglobin-S, which is a variant of the normal hemoglobin-A molecule, is much less soluble than its normal counterpart at low oxygen concentrations. When red cell oxygen is depleted, hemoglobin-S polymerizes and forms a fibrous gel that hardens in the cell, reduces its flexibility, and increases its fragility. The cell rigidity contributes to the characteristic sickle cell shape and results in obstruction of individual red cell flow through the capillaries and other minute blood vessels of the microcirculatory bed. This blockage of normal blood flow, together with associated anemia due to breakage of the fragile cells, reduces oxygen supply to the surrounding tissues, resulting in tissue damage, organ failure, and eventual death."

"One potential approach to sickle treatment involves switching the body's production of red blood cells from hemoglobin-S to hemoglobin-F containing cells. Hemoglobin-F, or fetal hemoglobin, is a normal hemoglobin that is present in the fetus but is normally replaced by the adult hemoglbin-A, a few months after birth. Dr. Thalia Papayannopoulou and her colleagues at the University of Washington in Seattle are participating in a multi-institutional study to evaluate the effects of erthropoietin on fetal hemoglobin production in baboons. Erthropoietin is a hormone that regulates cell production. Results of this investigation suggests that erythropoietin stimulates fetal hemoglobin synthesis and may benefit patients with sickle cell anemia."

"Dr. Papayannopoulou and her colleagues are now preparing to participate in a collaborative clinical study in which a limited number of selected sickle cell patients will undergo short-term eryhropoietin treatment." "If the results of the short-term trials appear promising, more long-range treatment trials could be undertaken," she says.

"Another promising area of research on treatment of sickle cell anemia involves decreasing intracellular hemoglibin-S concentration (hemoglobin-S in the red control red cell hemoglobin concentration."

"According to Dr. Epstein, these results suggest that inhibiting sodium-potassium pump activity with cardiac blood cells) by increasing the intracellular water concentration (water in the red blood cells)."

"A sodium-potassium pump controls the transporting of sodium and potassium across the red cell membrane. A proper balance between intracellular and extracellular on concentratio is important for maintaining the cell volume. In normal red cells, transport of these electrolytes across the red cell membrance is in equilibrium. However, sickled red cells, when deprived of oxygen, show a net sodium loss and potassium gain, which results in a reduced cell volume, higher intracellular hemoglobin concentration, increased cell density, and increased tendency to sickling."

Dr. Franklin H. Epstein and his colleagues at the Charles A. Dana Research Institute evaluated the activity of the sodium-potassium pump in red blood cells from sickle cell patients and explored the relationship between pump activity inhibition and cell volume."

"The investigators used the cardiac glycoside, ouabain, a drug used in certain heart diseases to bind a cell membrane components and inhibit the sodium-potassium pump."

"Blood samples were taken from 12 patients with sickle cell aneemia, 6 with sickle cell trait, and 40 white and 10 black control subjects. The researchers found that the ouabain readily bound to the red cells at sodium-potassium pump receptors. The amount of ouabain binding was significantly higher in sickle cell patients than in controls."

"Results indicate that sickle cell patients have greater sodium-potassium pump activity. When sickle cells were deprived of oxygen, ouabain-sensitive Rb potassium uptake was magnified, indicating increased pump activity associated with the sickling process."

"In red cell density distribution experiments, oxygen-deprived red blood cells from sickle cell patients exhibited a wider range of densities than that of controls, with more high-density cells being sickled cells and more low-density cells being young red cells. Adding ouabain reduced the percentage of high density red cells probably by increasing intracellular water concentration," according to Dr. Epstein.

"Intracellular hemoglobin concentration was measured in sickled red cells before and after oxygen deprivation; hemoglobin concentration was increased by 5.5 percent in oxygen deprived sickle cells, reflecting an association of cell shrinking and sickling. Ouabain prevented this increased hemoglobin concentration in the sickle cell but had no effect on glycosides might be useful in sickle cell patients by causing red cell swelling and thereby reducing the intracellular concentration of deoxyhemoglobin S."

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Christian Stewardship: "O, Victory In Jesus"

During this fiscal year different segments of our Woman's Convention, local and state-wide, are studying Christian stewardship. In the study book the author reminds us that all we have belongs to God: time, talent, money, mind, body and soul and that He entrusts these to us. In view of the book, a question in general arises: "Do we allow God in Christ to be our Savior and Lord?" It appears that many times we desire the Savior relationship but not the Lord relationship, as manifested by our actions. That is, we constantly cry, "Save us or Help us!", but we fail to obey the will of God for our lives in all we think and do. Christian stewardship manifests the Lordship of Christ. We must strive to exemplify the belief that all of life belongs to God inasmuch as HE IS GIVER. God gives us that we may give back to Him (that is, to honor Him in our use of that which He has entrusted to our managing and to share in relationship with other people.)

Then this brings to mind that we are accountable to Christ for our relationships with others whether it be at home, at church, at work, or at leisure. This leads us to see that we are to be Christian stewards in whatever arena, along life's journey, we find ourselves and to reflect development in Christlikeness, for we are of the body of Christ and are His representatives/managers on earth. Therefore, we are accountable to Him for all of or work/actions in each of these arenas.

At this time of year many of you, our youth and young adults, in particular, are approaching the closing of schools, colleges and universities and are facing the challenge of choosing your vocation (life-calling). Do realize that God has given you your life, and at this point of making a major decision, as a responsible Christian steward, ask Him to guide you in choosing your life-calling for which He has made and equipped you for honoring Him and doing good/service to fellow people. Though hardships and struggles come and Satan has the desire to sift you, remember, if you choose the vocation He desires and has for you, you are in partnership with Him and He will give you peace, joy, courage, power, faith, hope, love, and achievement, for in obedience to His Lordship is victory.

Now missions also is a part of our Christian stewardship, for the Lord's mandate is make and nurture disciples. Nevertheless, the what, the where, the how we do as missions depend on our attitude. Let us remind ourselves to cultivate an attitude which encompasses the following (in the words of our study book's author): integrity, world view, expectation, privilege, responsibility, and cooperation. If we activate these through our vision of missions, greater our efforts and achievements will be this year in terms of **$519,955.30** for our objectives: **Foreign Missions — $40,000.00; Shaw University — 44,000.00; Shaw Divinity School — 30,000.00; Central Children's Home — 31,000.00; Baptist Assembly — 15,000.00;** and **State Missions — 357,955.30.**

Can it be that God has given us a greater challenge for missions for this fiscal year? Then let us as convention and supporters be the best Christian stewards we can be, for we are co-laborers with Him and where He leads we are to follow. O VICTORY IN JESUS!

-Thanks to each of you-

Did God Call Me?

By Marion Bullock, a free-lance writer and a minister's wife living in Olney, Texas.
Reprinted from "Ethnicity"

"I believe every minister's wife should be called by God," an older woman once told me. Then she looked searchingly at me. "Did God call you to be a minister's wife?" she asked.

I cringed inwardly. "No," I answered. (I had a devastating need for deep, abiding honesty that prevented me from giving an answer that would have saved face for both my questioner and myself.) Her look of pity made me aware of my blunder.

Sadly, I went home to contemplate my dilemma. Feelings of inadequacy overwhelmed me. I felt that this older, godly woman must be right. I had failed my husband miserably if I had indeed become a minister's wife without being called. But what could I do? Short of leaving my husband (and I knew two wrongs wouldn't make a right), how could I work out my dilemma?

I cornered my husband as he walked in the door. I asked, "Should a minister marry someone who isn't called for special service?"

"What's all this about?" he asked.

I related my conversation with the older woman. "Is it true?" I asked him. "Is a minister's wife supposed to be called?"

"I suppose so, generally."

"Well, why did you marry me?" I accused, hands on hips.

"Because I love you." He put his arms around me and kissed me, hoping, no doubt, to soothe me. He didn't succeed.

"That's not a good enough reason."

His eyebrows lifted in mock surprise.

"You know what I mean," I said. "How could you know it was right to marry me if I were not even called to be a minister's wife?"

"I knew some girls who thought they were called to be ministers' wives," he responded. "I tried to avoid them."

I laughed in spite of myself. Then he grew serious.

"You know God led us together," he said. "So why worry about whether you were called. What's right is right."

My doubts relieved some, I continued dinner preparations. Time enough later to continue my quest.

The next day, I again was confronted by my lack of a call.

"I'm a minister's wife without a call," I moaned.

I remember the summer John and I met. During the same month, both our families had moved to the same small town and joined the same church. On our first date, we went to a prayer meeting for a youth revival. We dated for three years before we married. The entire time we prayed that God would lead us.

And He did. We really believed that God had worked in our lives, leading us together. But I was still puzzled. **If God led us to get married, why didn't He call me, too?**

I agonized and prayed. **Why wold God let us get into such a predicament?** The more I talked to God, the more I realized that if John and I had made a mistake, it wasn't God's doing, but ours. As my faith asserted itself, so did my doubt of the older woman's belief. Perhaps, she was mistaken. Maybe her belief was completely unfounded. Even as I rationalized, part of my mind began to explore another dimension. Just what is a call?

I turned to the Bible for help. All through the Bible, I found accounts of people who were called to serve God: Joshua, Deborah, Samson, Samuel, King Saul, David, Elijah, Elisha, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Mary.

Some were called to preach; others were called as kings and judges. Mary was called to be the mother of our Savior. Each call was different. But in every case, the person whom God called knew what God wanted him or her to do at that moment.

Suddenly, I understood. A call is an individual matter between God and the person He calls. No human can define it absolutely. No one can decree that it must happen in a certain manner at a specific time. A call is an awareness that God wants a person in a certain place, or occupation, at a given time.

And that's where I am, I mused. **I believe I'm right where God wants me. So God did call me, after all. He did! Oh, it wasn't anything like I thought the woman meant by a call: It wasn't a dynamic call while I sat in church listening to a sermon and an invitation to be saved or to surrender my life to ministry or to missions. My call was a special kind of call.**

My call did not come all of a sudden. It was not a sudden revelation, as was Moses' burning bush experience. My call was a growing, developing awareness. I didn't decide immediately that I would marry a minister and go wherever he went. Rather, I spent a good part of three years talking and listening to God and examining His will for me. John, who had felt a specific call, spent much time praying for God's leadership in marriage.

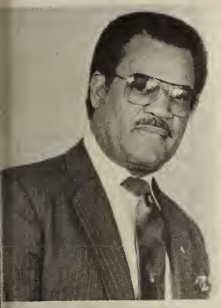
I believe God led us together. We learned to love each other and to realize that God meant for us to link our lives in His service.

Finally, my soul-searching over, I had my answer. I am called of God.

SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Dates Change Shaw University Commencement

Shaw University wishes to announce a necessary change in its annual commencement schedule of events because of construction in progress at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Please note the time and place of these changes below:

Sunday, May 7, 1989, 11:00 a.m.: Class of '89 Baccalaureate, University Chapel.

Thursday, May 11, 1989, 7:00 p.m.: Senior Banquet, Spaulding Gymnasium.

Friday, May 12, 1989, 10:00 a.m.: 124th Commencement Ceremony, Raleigh Civic Center.

Friday, May 12, 1989, 1:00 p.m.: President's Reception, University Ballroom.

Saturday, May 13, 1989, 8:30 a.m.: Annual Alumni Meeting, East Wing, Union Dining Room.

Student Library Committee Purchases Library Books

By Dr. Ronald Swain

The Shaw University Student Library Committee recently raised funds which were used to purchase Reference books for the Library.

Some of the new book titles include: **Guiness Book of World Records, Signing — A Book of Sign Language, Wildlife in America, Roget's Thesaurus of Synonyms and Antonyms, Who's Who in Mythology, 100 Great Kings and Queens, Dictionary of Modern English Usage, Almanac of American History, Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs,** and others.

The committee, which was organized by Ms. Carolyn Y. Peterson, Media Librarian and Dr. Benjamin Williams, Library Director, was formed to help promote the library and to serve as a fundraiser. Other activities have included: a car wash, a doughnut sale, tee-shirt and sweatshirt sale, and most recently, "Friends of the Library" promotional items.

Professor Sleeps With Homeless To Evaluate Problem

By R.H. Hodge
Contributing Writer — The Carolinian

William Shakespeare had his Hamlet question, "To be or not to be?" in the complexity of self-challenge and decisionmaking. A local professor wrestled with the question of how it feels to be homeless, and in order to gain insight, stepped across the broad line that divides the haves from the havenots and the rueful homeless.

Dr. Albert Jabs, a sociology professor at Shaw University, gave up a warm, comfortable bed to sleep side-by-side with individuals who have lived a large portion of their lives enduring the elements of many a cold, shocking and sometimes unfriendly world.

Dr. Jabs defies that line of difference. He believes in the sanctuary of human salvation and in order to experience the true problem as its exists in Raleigh today, one must, to paraphrase an Indian proverb, walk a mile in another's moccasins.

Because of this belief, Jabs spent a night with the homeless at the Salvation Army on Person Street in Southeast Raleigh. As a social science instructor, Jabs' life and work is full of questions and sometimes the answers are difficult to render, but he continues to ask the questions.

Why would a suburban, middleclass, white man spend an evening with the homeless in Raleigh?

Dr. Jabs answers, "There is a necessary correlation with classroom theory and the actual happenings on the street that one cannot capture without experiencing. Actually, the initial idea came from the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here in Raleigh. The observation of the night could be carried back into Bible class discussion, classroom debates and media presentations."

The City of Raleigh has dealt with the issue of the homeless for some time but has the problem actually been addressed effectively? "A greater awareness could be developed so that 'out of sight, out of mind' psychology does not become entrenched. The city has a model program which should be adopted by other capital cities in the United States. However, professors and other professionals should involve themselves with social issues," stated Dr. Jabs.

The charismatic instructor is one of the most dazzling and controversial fixtures of Shaw University. His revolutionary sensitivity against the agents of ignorance, poverty and racism has mesmerized audiences. One student said, "Dr. Jabs is one of the true believers and the world needs more people who see farther than just the realms of their front yard. If you are not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

He is distressed by what he perceives as a rigid unwillingness on the part of the American public to accept the fact that the homeless need and want help. "Out of approximately 40 people residing at the shelter that night there was only one incident of disorder. Despite the rift between two men, the night was quite peaceful and I have positive feelings about the program," Jabs said.

While he is cautious of the many around him, he is still optimistic and eager about the future, hoping and praying that society can innovate what it has invented.

"To be or not to be, that is our choice, but if I do not attempt to find the solution, then I am definitely part of the problem," Jabs noted.

Dr. Albert Jabs is also a writer and contributing writer for The CAROLINIAN.

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Shaw Student Presents Senior Recital



Mr. Glenn McMillan

By Archie D. Logan
Acting Editor

The Shaw University Music Department presented a Senior Vocal Recital, of baritone, Glenn McMillan, Monday, April 3, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. The concert was hosted by the First Baptist Church, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

McMillan is the choral director of the Shaw University Gospel Choir and has served in many capacities performing for the institution and throughout the community. He is presently studying voice under Professor Lonieta Cornwall and has studied with William Warfield and George Shirley in master vocal classes. He is the recipient of the A.J. Fletcher Music Scholarship, A.B. Lewis Scholarship and the United Holy Church Youth Scholarship. He recently had the opportunity to conduct the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention Youth Seminar Mass Choir this past summer.

Mr. McMillan is considered one of our country's outstanding young musicians.

SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWS

Felder, Wheeler And Jones Lead Pastor's Conference

By Dr. J.Z. Alexander
Dean Continuing Education

The Shaw Divinity School observed its Sixteenth Annual Pastor's Conference March 13, 14, 15, 1989 **at the new site of The Shaw Divinity School, 509 Hilltop Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.**

The lecture series and services of the Pastor's Conference began on Tuesday, March 14, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. The services of three outstanding pastors and/or educators were secured.

Dr. Cain Felder is a featured lecturer. Dr. Felder is Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, D.C. He delivered two lectures entitled, "Biblical Perspectives on the Pastor as Educator." His first lecture was delivered on Tuesday, March 14, 1989, at 9:15 a.m.; his second lecture was on Wednesday, March 15, 1989, at 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Edward Wheeler was the featured lecturer. Dr. Wheeler is Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He delivered two lectures entitled, "Contemporary Perspectives on the Pastor as Educator." His first lecture was delivered on Tuesday, March 14, 1989 at 2:30 p.m.; his second lecture was on Wednesday, March 15, 1989, at 10:25 a.m.

Dr. Miles J. Jones served as Conference Preacher. Dr. Jones is Pastor of Providence Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Jones preached three sermons. His first sermon was delivered at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 1989 for the Shaw Theological Alumni Association's Theological Convocation.

Dr. Jones' first message called on religious persons to "follow" Jesus, each day. His second sermon was delivered on Tuesday evening, March 14, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. His concluding message was delivered on Wednesday, March 15, 1989 at 12:00 noon.

The theme for 1989 was "The Pastor As Educator."

The Shaw Divinity School's Annual Sarah Turner Tupper Memorial Banquet was held **Sunday, March 12, 1989,** at 7:00 p.m. Events of Shaw Divinity School's Annual Founder's Day and the Shaw Theological Alumni Association were observed on **Monday, March 13, 1989.** At 11:00 a.m., the Shaw Divinity School's Seventh Annual Founder's Day Convocation was observed. **At 1:00 p.m.,** the Founder's Day Luncheon was held. **At 7:00 p.m.,** The Alumni-Founder's Day Banquet under the auspices of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association was featured.

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Shaw Divinity School Celebrates Fifty-Sixth Anniversary Founder's Day Observance

By Dr. Gregory T. Headen
President, Shaw Divinity School

The Shaw Divinity School celebrated the Fifty-Sixth Anniversary of its founding at a special Founder's Day Convocation held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 1989 in the Shaw Divinity School Chapel at Rush Street, near Old Garner Road in Southeast Raleigh.

Attorney Floyd McKissick, noted attorney, civil rights activist, historian and educator, spoke at the Founder's Day Convocation, at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, March 13, in the Shaw Divinity School Chapel, Shaw-Wiggins Campus, located at Rush Street near Old Garner Road.

In announcing the Founder's Day Observance, Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School, stated that Shaw Divinity School stands as a great citadel of learning, continuing its tradition of quality and excellence in the training of ministers and Christian laity for Christian ministries.

Dr. Turner added that this was the second year that the Divinity School has celebrated the Founder's Day observances in its new campus home. Dr. Turner described the Shaw-Wiggins campus (the Divinity School's new home) as another great addition to the General Baptist family, stated that the new facility should serve Shaw University, the General Baptist State Convention and its auxiliaries as well as the larger Christian community comprising its constituency.

A special Memorial Service honoring Ms. Sarah Tupper, wife of Henry Martin Tupper, founder of Shaw University, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the front grounds of the Shaw Divinity School Chapel. Ms. Tupper is the founding matriarch of the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. Lorine McLeod, President of the United Order of the Tents, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Annual Founder's Day Luncheon, to be held in the fellowship hall immediately following the Founder's Day Convocation. Dr. McLeod is treasurer of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC (Dr. John D. Fuller, Pastor), and a member of the Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School.

The Fourth Annual Sarah Turner Tupper Banquet

By Rev. J. Vincent Terry
Contributing Editor

The Shaw Divinity School celebrated the Fourth Annual Sarah Turner Tupper Memorial Banquet to pay tribute to Mrs. Sarah Tupper, co-founder of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Banquet was held Sunday, March 12, 1989, at the Shaw Divinity School's fellowship hall, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Ruby Lennon, former President of the Shaw Divinity School's Student Government Association and a current member of the Alumni, was the address speaker.

This event was part of the Annual Shaw Divinity School's Founder's Day and Pastor's Conference (March 12-16, 1989).



Rev. Ruby Lennon

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Ushers' One-Day Session

By Mr. Cleveland Griffin, President &
Ms. Helen M. Thompson, Assistant Secretary

The one-day session of The North arolina Baptist Ushers' Convention as held Saturday, February 25, 1989 t Cumberland County Memorial Auitorium, Fayetteville, North arolina. Greater First Baptist of edar Creek was the host church. he convention was called to order y President Cleveland Griffin. Deotion was led by Dr. N.T. Brodie, astor of the host church. We were d in singing "Jesus is Mine" by the reater First Baptist Choir. Our cripture was the sixth (6th) Chapter f St. John, read by Dr. Brodie. After e scripture, we had a song by the oir — "How To Reach the Master." Opening remarks were then given y Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of e General Baptist State Convenon. He commended those present r not letting the snow and cold eather keep them from attending e convention. He said he has been eased with the leadership, devoon and services of this Ushers' Conntion. He also praised President riffin for his commitment to the nvention. His remarks were foused on the posture of the usher as stands and render service. "There e three things the usher should ve: (1) He should have something stand on. (2) Position of hands; (beide the body indicates selfishness. ands in front of the usher indicates rvice; Hands above the usher indites worship). (3) Some where to his e. Be ready for service. We should rk and serve together."

Words of welcome were given by . Brodie, pastor of the host church. esponse by Mr. Willie Burrous, se-nd vice president of the Ushers' nvention. Remarks were by Presint Griffin. He said the purpose of e workshop at Laurel Hill was not st to tell the ushers how to meet, eet and to seat people, but to teach w to witness as well as how to her. He felt so strongly about this at he asked the same individuals at were at Laurel Hill to speakers today's workshop.

Before the workshop began, we d remarks from Dr. C.C. Craig, ecutive Secretary-Treasurer of e General Baptist State Convenn. He said this year we were being lled upon to do great things for the rd. In addition to what we are asked to give for the support of the convention, each church member is asked to give ten dollars ($10.00). The purpose of this gift is for an endowment fund for Shaw University. We are to raise one million dollars by June, 1989. If this goal is met, the federal government will give Shaw University two million dollars for its endowment. This will give Shaw a total of three million dollars. He encouraged us to follow through on what the Lord has asked us to do. He also mentioned workshops that were being planned to promote the programs of the General Baptist State Convention. President Griffin introduced Dr. C.V. Owens, Dean of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention. Dr. Owens began the workshop by talking about ushers evangelizing or witnessing for the Lord. He said this was one of the challenges of the unfinished tasks. As ushers, we have the opportunity to witness in different places: in our homes, on the job, at church and in the community. we can become a friend to people who need us. He asked, "What is witnessing?" His answer — When we tell what we have seen and heard what great things that the Lord has done. Dr. Owens then presented our next speaker, Dr. Cook, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. He began by talking about his experience in life as an usher. He felt at that time that ushering was the easiest job in the church. All he had to do was stand tall, look good, and meet people. He would meet them and seat them. Yes, this was easy, but he learned that ushering a person to a seat is not ushering them into the church. We should go into the communities and usher them in. He used fishing as an example. It takes a pole, hook and line and bait. Sometimes we have to go more than once if we want to catch any fish. It is our duty to go. We shouldn't feel that because nobody brought us into the church that we shouldn't go. He continued that Jesus said go and be fishers of men. If we are to meet the challenges of the unfinished task, then we should go.

Our third speaker for the workshop was Rev. H.S. Diggs. He stated that Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Christianism are all forms of religion. He said that evangelism is the outreach of the church. If we are what we claim we are, then we will reach out. This is how Rev. Diggs let us know as ushers we are to be witnesses. To witness means we communicate. He said when people can see what Christ has done in a person's life, this speaks louder than what we say. Live so anyone can see that Jesus has made a difference in our lives. Normal conversation of everyday life gives us a better opportunity to witness than just on Sunday morning.

Dean Owens asked for questions or comments. There weren't any. Closing remarks were made by Dean Owens. Music was given by the host church. An offering was made by the congregation. After the offering, we were waiting for the return of the youth. Dr. Owens and Dr. Humphrey gave us some statistics to think about. Out of 4,900,000 Black people, less than 800,000 were members of a church. This included all denominations. Dean Owens announced that the Ushers' Convention would be held July 11, 12 and 13 in Shelby, North Carolina at Shiloh Baptist Church. Music by the host church choir — Greater First Baptist.

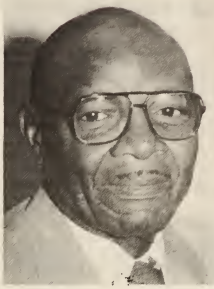
President Griffin made remarks regarding the host pastor. He thanked Dr. Brodie for accepting to host the convention and for his choir. He said he really thanks them for their participation in making this convention a success.

At this time the youth returned from their session. President Griffin took a count of the number of oratorical speakers present and the persons in charge. After taking this count and talking with the Dean, the oratorical contest was postponed until the convention in July. It was then agreed that we would continue straight through with the convention rather than break for lunch.

The sermon for the day was given by Rev. H.S. Diggs, Pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. He was introduced by Dr. C.V. Owens. After the introduction, we had music by the host church's choir.

Sermon — Dr. Diggs. Dr. Diggs' subject — "Sixty-four thousand dollar Question," Matthews 27:15-23. There used to be a radio program called the "Sixty-four thousand dollar question." Then it moved to television and became the sixty-four thousand dollar question. A person could receive as much as $64,000 or may lose everything by answering incorrectly. He compared this to living without Jesus. He went on to explain what it said in Matthew 27. He said that it was a custom during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner — anyone that the people wanted. They asked Pilate, "Which shall I release to you — Barabbas or Jesus, your Messiah?" You see Pilate wanted "out" of this responsibility, because his wife had sent him a message to leave Jesus alone for he was a good man. So Pilate asked again which one should he release. They said "Barabbas." "Then what shall I do with Jesus?" They shouted, "Crucify him." Pilate thought this would free him, so he washed his hands and told the people Jesus' blood was their responsibility. Pilate should have known that we can't depend on people of the devil to keep the laws. According to the laws of that time, none were kept when they had Jesus' trial. Although Pilate hated the Jews, he still gave in to their demands. We, like Pilate, can not wash away Jesus with soap and water. He is still our responsibility. We shouldn't say our good things come from luck but from God. Pilate wanted someone else to make the decision of what to do with Jesus. When you don't decide to stand for Jesus, you have already decided to stand against Jesus. You have to decide what you are going to do with Jesus for yourself every day of your life. No one can decide for you.

Dr. Diggs closed with an imaginary trial of the lawyer with his high fees, the undertaker and a grocer. All involved with the choice of helping people or overcharging them. The question remains, What are you going to do with Jesus? We had another song by the choir. President Griffin, then, called for the report of the financial committee.



Mr. Cleveland Griffin

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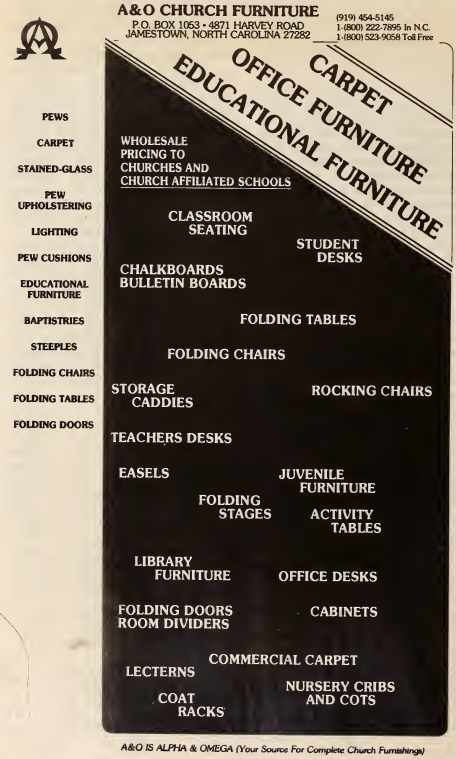
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Dr. Brown Celebrates 27th Anniversary

By Mrs. Colene B. Stanley,
Regional Editor

Dr. V.E. Brown came to Gethsemane Baptist Church February 1962. The church was down in membership and had no money at all. It wanted to build, but could not get things going. When Dr. Vernon Edward Brown, our pastor, accepted the call, things turned progressive as he organized and utilized the entire church. By November 1962 several thousand dollars had been raised, the church building complete, equipped with furniture and cafeteria and dining room set up in the basement. We borrowed money to help complete said building and had until 1977 to pay off the mortgage. We paid off the mortgage in 1975 and today we are mortgage free. We have repainted and carpeted the church three times since then and bought two additional lots. A new bus was bought and paid for in 1982. The Youth Church has been put to work and several young preachers have been born in the flock and several deacons and trustees added.

A training class for the deacons and trustees was taught by the pastor for three years from the Church Book by Dobbins and the Book of Acts. A workshop is conducted here each year.

Dr. V.E. Brown has not only been a faithful and loyal pastor to his own immaculate parishioners, but he has been a community wide leader for all people. Serving as a civil rights leader in the sixties (60s); serving as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and vicinity for two years, Secretary for the above organization for sixteen (16) years. Dr. Brown was sent to Atlanta, GA by the Ministerial Alliance during the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King to represent all of Durham's Ministers of the I.M.A. Dr. Brown served as Chairman of the Executive Board of the New Hope Association for twelve (12) years. Brown was also the first black Court Baliff in Durham County. Dr. Brown was the only black person ever to file and run for Sheriff May 6, 1989 and came out second (2) in a race of four candidates.

Dr. Brown married the former Miss Ocia McMillon of Fayetteville, N.C, a public school teacher. Of this union four (4) children were born; Attorney George W. Brown, a graduate of Tennessee State University and N.C. Central University, Mrs. Pinkey B. Graham, graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, Mrs. Marva B. Peace, a graduate of N.C.C.U., and Mrs. Vernon Gayle Ellis, a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill. When his children were in grammar school, he served as P.T.A. President of C.C. Spaulding school and St. Joseph's Nursery school for several years.

At Gethsemane, the church has been led to complete a one-hundred and fifteen thousand (115,000) dollar addition to the present building in the last two years, on a pay as you go plan. This addition is now completed and paid for entirely. Dr. Brown teaches an all women adult Sunday school class each and every Sunday morning and preaches at 11:00 and the six o'clock service. Dr. Brown says he can now look forward to raise and give more funds to missions, sick and education. "I believe in a real organized Christian force. It is not how many in number, but how well you are organized. You can make it if you try in the name of Christ," says Pastor Brown. Pastor Brown received an Honorary Doctors Degree of Humane Letters from the United Christian College of Goldsboro, N.C. May 6, 1988.

Services were held April 9-16, 1989 in Durham, N.C. Local ministers led services.





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15	All-Baptist Picnic Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
24	Woman's Convention Executive Board Meeting (During Convention)
24-27	Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention Charlotte, NC Host C.E. Dewberry, Pastor Gethsemane Baptist Church

AUGUST

4-5	Laymen's Summer Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
5-6	Central Children's Home Annual Alumni Reunion Oxford, N.C.
7-11	Progressive National Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia
15-17	Annual Session Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress Durham, N.C.
20	Youth Go To College Day
27	Sunday School Promotion Day
26-31	Registration Shaw Divinity School
28-31	Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Raleigh, NC, David Forbes, Pastor, Martin St. Baptist Church, Host

Antioch Baptist Church Hosts 1989 Mid-Year Session

By J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

The 1989 Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. met with the Antioch Baptist Church, West Elm Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Dr. O'Clee Lewis, Pastor, May 9-10, 1989.

The Convention was opened by our illustrious President the Rev. Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church-West, Charlotte, North Carolina at 10 o'clock a.m. Dr. Humphrey called the session to order, after a brief devotional service. President Humphrey then gave brief greetings and called for Committees to meet. Those meeting were the Prison Ministry Committee, chaired by Rev. John Prince, Raleigh, North Carolina and the Benefit Commission, chaired by Rev. Dr. Archie Logan Jr., Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

The Prison Ministry Committee chairman, Rev. Prince spent time promoting the Prison Ministry Breakfast, which was held Wednesday morning, and sharing with the messengers the work of his committee. The Benefit Commission made plans for a church planning and building conference. Also President Humphrey met with the Commission and shard his directives for the year. Dr. Humphrey called on the Benefit Commission to develop a Comprehensive Benefit Package for our ministers and churches.

The Moderator's Workshop, led by the Rev. Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Moderator of Moderators and Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, began the Tuesday afternoon session. The Rev. Dr. Marcus Ingram, Moderator of New Hope Association and Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Apex, North Carolina was the first presenter. Dr. Ingram spoke from the theme: "The Relationship of the Local Association and the General Baptist State Convention." He used Baptist Doctrine, Polity and Goverance to show how we are related throughout custom, tradition and history.



Dr. F.O. Bass Jr., High Point, N.C. prepares to deliver closing message at Mid-Year Session.

The second presenter during the Moderator's workshop was the Rev. Dr. Nilous Avery, Moderator of the Mud Creek Association, and the Pastor of the Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville,

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Statewide Evangelism Conference Reaches New Heights

By Dr. A.L. Jinwright,
Evangelism Chairman

I am proud to announce that the 1989 General Baptist State Convention Statewide Evangelistm Conference held in Eastern North Carolina, April 10-13, 1989 at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Dr. Thomas Walker, Pastor was the most successful in General Baptist State Convention history. The Conference preacher was the Reverend Dr. Jasper Williams, Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Williams is known around the world for his soul-stirring preaching and evangelistic ministry. The Conference theme was: SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK.

I want to personally thank President Humphrey, Vice Presidents of the GBSC, the many pastors, ministers, officers, and friends of the GBSC for assisting me in making the Conference so successful. A special thanks to my friends and brothers in the ministry; the Reverend Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Pastor Elevation Baptist Church, Raleigh, the serving as my Conference Coordinator; and, Reverend John Daniels, Pastor, Spring Branch, Baptist Church, Wagram, North Carolina, Finance Committee chairman. Special thanks to the Reverend Dr. Archie Logan, Jr. and Mrs. Mary Farrar, of our headquarters staff for their unselfish work all week. Both Logan and Farrar saw that everything was in place for the Conference each day.

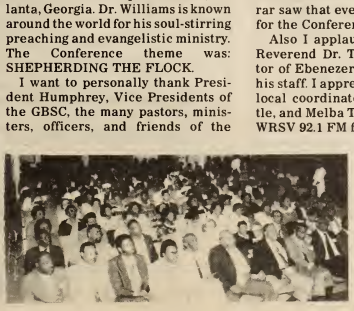
Also I applaud the energy of the Reverend Dr. Thomas Walker, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church and his staff. I appreciate the work of the local coordinators: Deborah J. Battle, and Melba Tyson. I want to thank WRSV 92.1 FM for their radio coverage and Tar River Cable for their broadcast of nightly preaching. I am grateful for Limousine Service provided at no cost by Stokes Mortuary, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

One of our Evangelism Committee members the Reverend James Smith reported that he had witnessed to a resident of Rocky Mount and she had given her life to Jesus Christ to God be the Glory. The total week's attendance for the Conference was over 4,000 messengers and participants. Our stewardship report was over $12,000.00, thank you all.

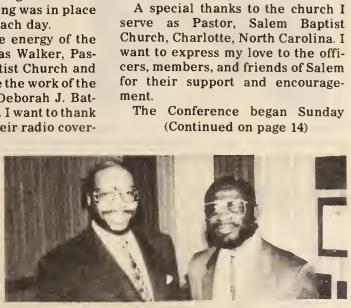
A special thanks to the church I serve as Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. I want to express my love to the officers, members, and friends of Salem for their support and encouragement.

The Conference began Sunday

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Participants in the 1989 Evangelism Conference.



Drs. Jasper Williams (L) and Anthony Jinwright, Evangelism Chairman.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of the District Conventions and Unions: Our gratitude goes out to you for your dedicated support and cooperation that you gave at our Mid-year Session of the General Baptist State Convention. Our total monies for the objectives and other causes which included receipts sent to the office for the Session, amounted to more than eighty thousand dollars ($80,000). These financial gifts will go a long way in helping our Convention honor its commitments to its obligations.

As we move from where we are to where we need to go in regard to the close of our fiscal year August 31, we strongly urge you to follow the time table schedule for the following three months: June — Shaw University Month; July — Foreign Missions and the Divinity School Month; August — State Missions and the Central Children's Home Month. During the final three months of our fiscal year, we encourage all pastors to lead their churches to send the balance of their quotas to the Baptist Headquarters.

The Baptist Headquarters is the coordinating center for the churches and function under the umbrella of the General Baptist State Convention. Without your financial support, it cannot function. Knowing your past efforts in supporting the objectives of the Convention, I am sure you will continue to give your support for the objectives.

The Bible: A Book About Giving
God's Gift Of Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). We exist because God gave life in creations. God is the starting point for every thought, especially our giving.

God Provides For
Identity and Purpose

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" (Gen. 1:26).

Not only did God give us physical bodies, He gave us permanent identity by making us in His image and likeness. Since we are made in the image of God, our purpose is to be the image of God in the world. We are God's representatives, and managers of His world.

God Gave Us Work To Do

Then the Lord God took the men and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it (Gen. 2:15).

The first job God gave to people was universal for everyone. The work assignment was to nurture and protect all of God's creation. This assignment is as important today as ever. We are responsible for good ecology, conservation and management of material things.

God Gives Us
The Ability To Work

Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who give you power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18).

Both mental and physical strength are gifts from God. Our livelihood depends on work, but the skills we possess are divine gifts.

God Taught His People
To Give

You shall truly tithe all the increase of your gain that the field produces year by year (Deut. 14:22).

The law which instructed the Hebrews how to live in relation to God and to one another included directions for giving. Giving ten percent of the increase of crops and animals provided for the holy feasts when the people worshipped God. A third year tithe provided help for people in need.

God Expects Us To Give

Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, "In what way have we robbed you?" In tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:8).

God often gave His word to His people through the prophets. Malachi's message dealt with the nation's rejection of God. The prophet catalogued their sins: false worship, corrupt priests, infidelity, refusal to give to God. Refusing to give was one of many indications that the people had turned from God. Christians who do not give also reveal other problems in their relations to God.

God Gave His Son
For Our Sins

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotton Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

God's gift of life in creation is tremendous. His gift of new life through His Son is beyond description. In Christ, our reason for giving is enlarged. The Hebrews gave to worship God, to support temple functions, and to help their own people who were poor. Our giving is worship, too. But when we give, it is not for our own benefit; it is to minister to all people in all of the world for God; to win others to faith in Christ and to help meet their physical needs.

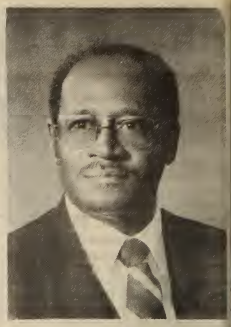
Jesus Enables Us To Have
A Giving Nature

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you (Luke 6:38).

This is not a "give to get" promise. It deals with our nature. Since it is our nature as Christians to give, we inspire others to give. Thus, if we have needs, others will help us meet them just as we help other people meet their needs. Christians who do not give contradict their nature.

God Directs
Christian Giving

On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come (I Cor. 16:2). So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7).



Dr. C.C. Craig

The reason for Christian giving is to reach the world for Christ. The urgency for Christians to give is great. As Paul established churches in the first century, he instructed them to give weekly for the collection he was talking for the persecuted Jerusalem Christians. Likely reflecting on Jesus' teaching, "To whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more (Luke 12:48). Paul expected the Corinthians to give in proportion to God's giving to them, and to give cheerfully.

USHERS ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Session of the Ushers Convention will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C., on July 11, 12, and 13, 1989. Dr. R.E. Devoe is the host pastor.

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(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



VACANT PULPITS

VACANT CHURCH SEEKS PASTOR

St. Paul's Baptist Church, Eight Avenue & B. Street, Saint Albanes, West Virginia is seeking a pastor.

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•Preferred Divinity School graduate

Send resumes to: St. Paul Baptist Church, Eight Avenue & B Street, Saint Albanes, W. Va. 25177. Attention: (Mrs. Priscilla Bass, 304/727-1742, Chairperson Pulpit Committee.

Church Seeks Pastor

United Institutional Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina announces the opening for the position of pastor. An applicant must be a Christian, Baptist, and currently an ordained pastor of an existing Baptist Church. A seminary degree is preferred (but will consider experience) and at least five years experience required. Send resume before June 30, 1989 to: Mr. Winslow Douglas, P.O. Box 36524, Greensboro, N.C. 27406-6524.

Church Seeks Pastor

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina is currently accepting applications for the position of Senior Pastor. Cornerstone is a well established, thriving church with an emphasis on a comprehensive ministry located in the rapidly growing regional center of Eastern North Carolina.

An applicant should be an ordained Baptist minister with a Master of Divinity Degree (or near completion); with a minimum of 5 years ministerial experience (preferably 5 years of pastoral experience.

Please send resume by July 31, 1989 to:

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
Attention: Mr. Joseph High
Post Office Box 7204
Greenville, North Carolina 27835
919/752-7500

$10 Million National Baptist World Center Becoming Reality

The world's largest Black religious organization, the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. with eight million members and over 30,000 churches, is nearing completion of its new $10 million Baptist World Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The center is in the final stages of construction. It will be a monument to the faith of Black Baptists.

An estimated 40,000 National Baptist will come to Nashville, Wednesday, June 21 when the dedication worship services take place. The Baptist World Center is located at 1800 Whites Creek Pike, Nashville, Tennessee. It sits on a 12.5 acre site, adjacent to The American Baptist College, overlooking the Cumberland River.

Dr. T.J. Jemison, President of the National Baptist Convention recently stated: "It's been a long time coming, it's been a struggle. . .It was time we had a real headquarters. . ."

Dr. Jemison has made the reality of building a Baptist World Center a personal crusade since his election as President in 1982. The Center is the first national building the N.B.C., U.S.A., Inc. has erected since 1924, when the Sunday School Publishing Board building was built in downtown Nashville. It has long been a dream of our National Convention to build a headquarters building. President Jemison said, "My father the late Dr. D.V. Jemison who served as President of our Convention from 1940-1953 dreamed of the day when our Baptist work would be done under one roof."

The Center will function as the business headquarters; house denominational archives; and provide classroom space and a chapel for American Baptist College the Convention's affiliate institution. Future plans for the Center include housing all the denomination's agencies: The Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Educational Board, and executive staff.

The N.B.C., U.S.A., Inc. has invented $1.2 million of its money in the Baptist World Center Project. It has borrowed $7.5 million to complete the project. The mortgage terms call for the loan to be repaid in 10 years. President Jemison said that he hopes to lead the Convention to pay off the mortgage over the next three years.

As President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I urge all National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. pastors, and churches to join me in supporting President Jemison as he leads us to liquidate our debt and program our Baptist World Center.

I plan to lead our North Carolina delegation to Nashville the week of June 19, 1989. Please make your plans to share in the historic celebration. God has blessed the National Baptist Convention our dream of a permanent home is becoming a reality.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

By Executive Secretary Brodie



"O Blessed. . ."

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie

O blessed was the day of the State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, for on that day were fellowship, worship, information, participation, giving, and a great attendance of seniors, young adults, and youth. Since the meeting persons in attendance have spoken very favorably. Surely the Lord blessed the day and to Him are we very appreciative and to you who attended.

O blessed will be the day when all Missionary Baptist Churches respond to the clarion call to missions and support the Woman's Convention and the objectives. Surely the heads and members of these objectives will be grateful and inspired to do a greater work as led by Jesus Christ. O blessed will be the day when God's people learn to give sacrificially out of love in emulating their Savior. Please remember to send funds generously for the objectives, payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

O blessed will be the days of our conventional meetings when youth from across the State convene at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, to share in and be a part of the Youth Bible Camp experience of discovering, exploring, and receiving His tender care as Savior and in praising and adoring His power and majesty as Lord that they may bear His "sacred witness;" when leaders and prospective leaders from across the State also convene at the Baptist Assembly, to share in and be a part of the Leadership Training Conference experience of renewing, refining, and rejoicing in the presence of their "Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend;" when messengers, visitors, and friends from across the State convene at the Charlotte Civic Center to share in and be a part of the 105th Conventional Annual Session experience of worshipping the King, of telling of His might, of giving reports of accountability, of fellowshipping together.

In partial words of the song, "O Blessed Day of Motherhood," O blessed is the day of Motherhood when "All will lift their hearts in praise, give thanks, and admire" the ones through whom God first gave life. To all mothers, Happy Mother's Day —

Please send to the office now for the included applications.)

Hotel Reservations — Woman's Baptist and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., July 23-27, 1989

Important Instructions — Read Carefully.

First-come, first-served. The Housing Bureau will make hotel assignments on a first-come, first-served basis. If additional copies of this form are needed, photocopies will be accepted. Reservations must be received by June 23, 1989. After this date we cannot guarantee the conference room rate. Allow 4-6 weeks for hotel confirmation. **Deposit.** All housing applications must be accompanied by a deposit of one night's rate for each room requested or a credit card number will the expiration date, regardless of your arrival time. **No telephone calls!!** Reservations will not be taken by phone. If sharing a room with other, please send in only **one** housing form.

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WBH&FMC CHOIR MEMBERS

Please bring short white robes and a copy of the NEW NATIONAL BAPTIST HYMNAL to our annual session in Charlotte during July 25-27, 1989.
Thanks for complying as usual!
Directress Nancy H. Young

Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

Memorandum

To: The Sisters and Friends of our Convention
From: The Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Re: Reservations for the Convention (July) and Banquet Tickets
Date: January 14, 1989

This year during July 23-27, 1989, will be the 105th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention at the Civic Center in Charlotte at which time Gethsemane Baptist Church, Reverend C.E. Dewberry, Pastor, will be the host church. The headquarters for the Woman's Convention is the Radisson which is right across the street from the Civic Center. However, other hotels have been made available in order to have ample housing. They are the Day's Hotel, approximately a block or less from the Radisson; Quality Inn only a few blocks from the Radisson; and Best Western, 2812 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte (shuttle service provided).

Seniors who will accompany the youth are asked to stay in the same hotel as the youth.

Please return the application to the address given on the application.

If you desire to share a room with one or more persons, place all of the names on the same application and enclose them in brackets. The confirmation is to be mailed to only one person.

Please notice that the deadline for applications is **June 23, 1989.** Thus do hurry and get in your reservations.

Banquet tickets ($17.00 each) are now available at the office. The Woman's Convention's banquet will be Monday, July 24, at 6:00 p.m.

If there are questions, please contact the Woman's Convention's office.

Priscilla A. Brodie

WBH&FMC Executive Board Retreat

By Ms. Augusta White

On Friday, March 17, 1989, members of the Executive Board of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention met at Days Inn in Fayetteville, for a retreat to re-examine the goals and objectives of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. The theme for the retreat was "The Challenge of Being a Good Steward."

The tone for the retreat was set by Mrs. Robbie Diggs of Charlotte for our initial meditation.

Phase I "The Executive Board Members and Inspiration." Phase I featured our President, Dr. Luella Edwards. Dr. Edwards challenged the members to be good stewards, not the better or best but the good **steward.**

Phase II "The Executive Board Members and our Mission." Phase II was discussed by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, our Executive Secretary-Treasurer. She stated that being a Board Member of the Woman's Baptist Convention is different from being one of just any other Board. "Our Board is of a Convention which is an agency of the Missionary Baptist Church and therefore not a secular group."

Phase III "The Executive Board Members and Our Work." The following persons discussed during this phase, "The Board Member's Role in Relation to Our Work . . .?"

Stewardship — Vice President Shirley Bullock

Witnessing — Rev. Sister Lucy Gray

Enlisting/Teaching — Vice President Maggie M. White

Fellowshipping — Vice President Novella Whitted

Serving — Mrs. Dorothy Okeke.

Question and Answer Period was led by Miss Ethel Stanfield.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Georgia Thompson.

Following the Buffet Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, 1989, we had Phase **IV** "The Executive Board and Our Structure and Program." Phase IV discussion was centered around the topic "What Is Our Role in Relation To Our Structure and Program":

The Senior Department — Dr. Thelma C. Horton

The Young Adult Department — Mrs. Julias McDonald

The Youth Department — Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell

The Executive Committee/Board — Ms. Augusta White.

During **Phase V** "The Executive Board In Retrospect," Individual reflections were given by some of the Board Members. Board Members evaluated the Retreat as being outstanding, informative and worthwhile. Each wanted the Retreat repeated. They thanked President Edwards and Dr. Brodie for planning the Retreat. Following the closing prayer by Vice President Novella Whitted was the singing of the Convention's hymn, "A Charge To Keep I Have."

My Day With The Union Woman's Auxiliary

By State Supervisor Barbara Hewett

On Saturday, May 20th, I spent a most inspirational day with Union Woman's Auxiliary Youth Department in their regular session. My role as a workshop leader enabled me to listen to their answer and questions as to what youth need in order to survive this problematic age in which they face. The one that really touched the heart of every mother was the answer that came from the smallest child present. She said, "Youth need their Mothers!"

When we walked upon the yard of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville where Dr. C.R. Edwards is pastor, my daughter and I said in unison, "How great thou art!" We were greeted by many smiles and loving fellowship from the Youth's assistant supervisor, Linda Robertson, in the absence of sister Lodis Gloston.

I thank them for their hospitality, the wholesome lunch and most of all their sincere participation in their own work of missions.

Finally Christian mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and children let us come to our 105th annual session with a heart, mind and soul committed to do business for our Lord's mission no matter how young we are. Because we are old enough to come, we're old enough to bring a serious attitude to our commission.

My Day At The Rockingham County Union

By State Supervisor Barbara Hewett

I'd like to let our Unions across our ten districts in our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention know that on April 30 my visit as guest speaker to the Rockingham County, the Youth's Shaw Day, was an inspirational and financial success. Their hospitality was beyond compare, and the delicious refreshments sponsored by their Young Adult Department were most delicious.

I'm quite sure our illustrious Assistant Supervisor, Sister Vernie Williams, President Josephine Neal, and Mistress of Ceremony, Sister Exia H. Woods, will let you hear from them and their youth currently and in our July Convention in Charlotte.

I pray that our other County Unions in the other Districts in the State will follow their lead in the wonderful state fund raising and getting youth participation as was evidenced in this session. A million thanks to the officers of this great union.

Thanks to these Churches and Pastors that make up the Rockingham County Union: Beulah Baptist, Rev. C. Carter; First Baptist, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson; Goodwill Baptist; Mt. Sinai Baptist, Rev. Reginald McClain; St. Paul Baptist, Rev. R.J. Howard; New Testament Baptist, Rev. McEachern; Springfield Baptist, Rev. W.M. Lea; West End Baptist, Rev. Ezell Manness; Zion Baptist, Rev. G.K. Moss.

I thank them truly, my two daughters, granddaughter and grandson for accompanying me there. Thanks to Ravon Gore and family and my niece of Greensboro as well as Conrad Bryant and his beautiful daughter that met us there. Brother Bryant is the grandson of Sister Annie R. Byrant, longtime State Institute Worker, and the nephew of Sister Wilma Bryant of our Executive Board. He resides in Eden, North Carolina. They met me at the Goodwill Baptist Church where this Youth's Shaw Day Contest was held.

WBH&FMC's Annual Session In Charlotte, July 25-27

By Executive Secretary Brodie

Time is almost here for the 105th annual session of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina in Charlotte during the week of July 25-27, 1989. Let us then begin to pray and plan for our session. Let us come also in great love and anticipation.

The following are among the different activites of the 105th session:

1. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday at the Charlotte Civic Center.

2. The Executive Board meeting will begin Monday morning at 10:00 at the Radisson Hotel.

3. At 2:00 p.m. is the General Board meeting at the Radisson Hotel.

4. The Pre-Convention Banquet begins at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Civic Center. You may secure tickets ($17.00 from our office now.

5. Study classes for all departments will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The Seniors meet in the Civic Center, the Young Adults in the Colonel-Tyron Room (Radisson), and the Youth in the Gold-Mint Room (Radisson).

6. President Edwards will give her annual address on Wednesday morning. Please dress in white.

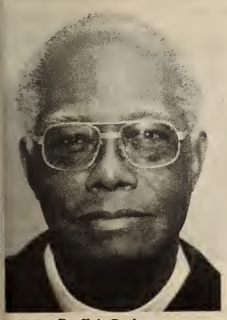
7. The annual Youth Mini-Concert begins at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday in the Civic Center.

8. The session ends on Thursday morning with the installation of officers.

9. Gethsemane Baptist Church, where Reverend C.E. Dewberry is the pastor, is to present the Pre-Conventional Musical Sunday, July 24, 1989, at the Gethsemane Baptist Church.

10. **During the week, the NEW REVISED HANDBOOK will be introduced and it will be sold at the reductive cost of two books for nine dollars. However, one book will cost five dollars at the Convention and during the year, but two books will cost ten dollars after the Convention.**

National Speakers Kenote WBH&FMC Annual Session



Dr. E.A. Parham

Among the many illustrious speakers for our 105th annual session are Dr. Shirley Alexander Hart and Dr. E.A. Parham.

Dr. Shirley Hart, a native of South Carolina, will be the banquet speaker on Monday, July 24, 1989, at 6:00 p.m. She has earned a B.A. degree from Johnson C. Smith University, a Master of Science degree from the University of Bridgeport, and has received a Doctor of Pedagogy from Richmond Virginia Seminary.

She has served as a public school teacher, a secretary of the Greenwich Chapter of Church Women United, and as a counselor.

She presently serves as chairman of the Guidance Department of the Norfolk Technical Vocational Center and as president of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc.

Dr. Hart has received citations and/or awards from the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, the House of Representatives of South Carolina, the Mayor of Philadelphia. During a trip to South America in 1987, she had an audience with the Minister of Education for Guyana.

Mrs. Hart is the wife of Dr. Charles Hart, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. They are residents of Chesapeake, Virginia.

On Wednesday afternoon during the 7:00 o'clock service Reverend Dr. E.A. Parham, a native of Hertford County, North Carolina, will preach the foreign missions sermon. He was graduated from Hayden High School, Franklin, Va., and Shaw University, Raleigh, where he earned the B.A. and B.D. degrees. Later he received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Shaw University.

Among the many organizations with which he has been or is affiliated are Columbus Urban League, Columbus Baptist Ministerial Alliance, NAACP, Ohio Baptist General Convention, and Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of which he served as president. He has served also as president of the Eastern Union Bible College.

Dr. Parham has held pastorates in Virginia and North Carolina. He is now pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. He has been pastor of this church since 1949.

He was married to Miss Madeline Holland of Roanoke, Virginia, (now deceased) and to them were born four sons: E.A. Parham, III, a graduate of Notre Dame University and now a school teacher; F. Russell, a graduate of North Westérn University with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and now employed by 3M Corporation; Christopher, a graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in Computer Science, once employed by the Norton Company; and Jonathan, a student at Ohio State University.



Dr. Shirley A. Hart

WOMEN'S PAGE

WBH&FMC 19th Annual Statewide Leader's Workshop

By Augusta White

Many, many people from across North Carolina crowded into the Civic Center in Raleigh for the 19th Annual State-wide Leader's Workshop, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina on April 8, 1989.

Following an impressive devotional service led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, President Edwards greeted the group and expressed appreciation for seeing such a large group in attendance. Mrs. Jewyl Dunn gave a report on "Child Awareness" from the North Carolina Chapter of the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina has joined the North Carolina Chapter as a part of our outreach ministry. If we can save just **one child** from destruction, our mission will be blessed.

Did you know that over 32,638 cases of suspected child abuse were reported in 1987 and that 12,132 of these cases were substantiated? Did you know that many children die each year as a result of abuse? The North Carolina Chapter of the National Committee for prevention of Child Abuse is a group of committed volunteers, united in an effort to prevent Child Abuse.

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1. Put your hands over your mouth. Count to 10, or better yet 20.
2. Stop in your tracks. Press your lips together and breathe deeply.
3. Phone a friend.
4. Phone the weather bureau.
5. Say the alphabets out loud.
6. If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a leisure walk.
7. Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
8. Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts.
9. Close your eyes and imagine you're hearing what your child hears.
10. Turn on the radio or TV.
11. Hug a pillow.
12. HELP!!

April 16 was designated as the Sunday to display a rose in honor of all of God's little children in the hope that none shall suffer abuse and neglect in North Carolina. Make others aware of Child Abuse.

President Edwards stated that the Lott Carey will be held in Raleigh at the Civic Center. Martin Street Baptist Church is the Host Church. The pastor is Dr. David C. Forbes. She also reminded us that the annual session for the Woman's Convention will be held in Charlotte, July 24-27, at the Civic Center. Gethsemane Baptist Church is the host church, Pastor, Reverend C.E. Deberry.

Perspectives — Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer gave perspectives. She greeted the group and expressed thanks to all of the pastors and members of the Woman's Convention for all the prayers, interest, and support given in helping the Convention meet its spiritual and financial goals. Further information was given for the annual session and for the June events. The Leadership Training Institute will be held the first week in June. The Missions Prayer Day is the 4th Saturday in June.

The delay is the **Helper** is due to changes by the printer in his organi-

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Views of the Woman's Convention 1989 Statewide Leadership Conference Held April 8, 1989 Raleigh, N.C.



Rev. Leroy Davis, Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., Conference Preacher.



Convention Officers



Messengers to Conference



Mrs. Betty Chisom greets messengers.

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Youth Bible Camp is scheduled for he last three weeks in June.

President Edwards recognized the ɔastors and visitors.

The Workshop session was coordi-ıated by Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Se-ɔond Vice President of the Woman's Convention.

"Preview of New Handbook" was ɔresented by Vice President Bul-ock, Vice President Maggie M. White, and Mrs. Julias McDonald. All f the present handbooks of the Con-ention will be under one cover. A uestion and answer period fol-owed the presentation. The key to he session was to know your Conven-ion, the program, be able to inter-ret the goals and objectives and at-end all meetings.

Tips and concerns were discussed by Mrs. Novella Whitted, Third Vice President, for "Finding the Lost at any Cost."

Strong Tips

1. Plan with your pastor
2. Follow your circle meeting.
3. Own a Bible or Testament.
4. Share the good news with your family.
5. Share travel brochures.
6. Strive to let your life be one of fulfillment.
7. Give praise, create good attitude.
8. Study and pray.
9. Use specific times to find and save souls — a soul winning rally.
10. Witness. Can you be a witness for your Lord?

Did you bring your witness kit — will you be a witness?

Dr. Brodie gave a report of finances sent to Headquarters for six months, September 1, 1988-February 28, 1989. The budget for the year is $517,955.30. We have received $142,737.72 and amounted needed to reach budget is $375,217.58.

Departmental highlights were given from the Youth Adult and Youth Departments by Mrs. Colene Stanley and Mrs. Barbara Hewett.

Greetings were extended by Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice President-At-Large of the General Baptist Convention.

Dr. J.C. Harris, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Statesville, presented Reverend Leroy Davis, Pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of Durham for the message.

Reverend Davis' subject was "Making a Project for the Lord." "Sometimes we are pushed, but the bottom line is profit. A business man makes preparation for a trip and he analyzes his needs for the trip. He takes in consideration the needs of a lucrative business and plans accordingly. In leaving he leaves the right person in charge with the proper mentality who will carry the business on, make sound investments in order to receive a profit for the company.

"In order to make a profit we must make investments instead of hiding the money. We are failing to make a profit for the Lord because we are not making wise investments.

"Things to do to provide profit:

1. Recognize that God is the creator of the universe, the universal catalyst. Review the testimonies of those provided with talents to re-examine their belief.

2. Challenge — It takes active faith and a positive attitude. Contrast active faith with inactive faith and a negative attitude to see what profit you will gain. If you use your talents for God you will make a worthwhile or a sizeable profit."

Music was furnished by the choir from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Durham, and the Convention Choir.



Mount Gilead Baptist Church Choir



Messengers



President Edwards, Dr. Brodie and other officers.



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Tapestry of Faith

Ministers of Hope

Churches offer varied, compassionate ministries to farm workers

By Katerina Katsarka Whitley

The farm crisis—the recent drought in North Carolina and the loss of huge farms in the Midwest—have brought much attention to the value of farmers in society and to their troubles. Such a crisis, experts predict, may cause the disappearance of the family farm in the U.S. And that would be an unwelcome, devastating change.

Despite concern of the plight of the farms, very little has been said or written about farm workers. They are now, as they have been before, invisible. Society chooses to keep them hidden from the glare of the media lights and the furor of journalists' pens; hidden from society's conscience because it is not pleasant to think how vegetables and fruit get to tables.

Who wants to think of backs stooping under the blazing, pitiless sun in the summer while eating cool, succulent grapes? Who wants to be reminded of the deadly pesticides that have been sprayed on grapes and have entered the system of those who picked them? Who wants to remember that no American chooses to do this kind of labor anymore? Who wants to be reminded of the aliens, who, having nowhere to lay their heads, follow the crops from place to place and live in shacks with no privacy and dignity?

Certainly, not our political leaders. But there are people who remember deliberately and intentionally. They are the Christians who minister to migrant and seasonal farm workers. One can find them at the clinic in Newton Grove, where thousands of farm workers pass for emergencies or checkups every year in the tri-county area of Sampson, Harnett and Johnston.

One can find them present in the fields among the stooped figures. These ministers of hope are advocating for farm workers in Raleigh, writing grant proposals for programs that will affect the lives of people who cannot advocate for themselves, and helping with the legalization process.

They are Baptists, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, United Methodists and individuals that may belong to other denominations. They are children of God ministering to other children of God.



A migrant worker walks through a field during a long day of picking. (National Catholic News Service file photo)

The Western N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church turned an Hispanic ministry to farm workers that focused on spiritual matters to a service that includes transportation and health services. Their main concern now is in preventing exploitation of Hispanics by their crew leaders.

Father Joseph Waters, a Roman Catholic priest in the western part of the state, is a full-time migrant outreach worker.

In the eastern part of the state, Sister Kitty Bethea and Brother John Mahoney of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh have spent much of the past year working toward the legalization of migrants who were here as illegal aliens. During the season, the Catholic Migrant Ministry office provides outreach workers in the fields.

The Episcopal Church in North Carolina has been deeply committed to ministry with migrants for the past eight years, and it has employed a full-time outreach worker since 1982. Amy Trester's objective is to be a constant and reliable presence among the farm workers. She offers transportation on a regular basis through a bus the Episcopal Church bought for that purpose. In addition, a food pantry operates out of Ms. Trester's office for emergencies that arise when there is no work. Ms. Trester also helps with translation and the legalization process.

The Episcopal dioceses of East Carolina and North Carolina also provide volunteers who, on a daily basis, offer clothes, linen and lunch on the grounds of the clinic. The Episcopal Farmworker Ministries Committee now owns land next to the clinic, and plans have been drawn for a day care center for the children who are not included in any of the state and county facilities.

The Baptists work through individual churches in specific projects, focusing mostly in "witnessing" to farm workers.

None of this is easy or even measurable. The population of farm workers in North Carolina is in constant flux. In the early 1980s, many Haitians were employed as pickers. They provided a unique challenge because of their language which, at that time, was spoken by very few outreach workers. By the mid-80s, Haitians, disgusted with the working conditions, stopped coming north from Florida to pick the vegetables.

More and more Hispanics started arriving. They present a different challenge; they come with large families, and the volunteers have become acutely aware of the needs of children; hence, the need for a day care center in Newton Grove.

Black American farm workers are almost always male and alone. They are beaten by the world and by racial injustice and when they choose farm work, many are in desperate situations.

What can be done? Concerned Christians must insist that appropriate laws, however limited, are enforced. The farm workers need protection from unfair bosses and the health risks of pesticides. They need decent housing and a chance to speak for themselves instead of being hidden and ignored. They need the dignity afforded to every citizen in this land. The ministries of the various denominations need money always and volunteers for specific assignments.

The outreach workers, these ministers of hope, need all the prayers and support their brothers and sisters can give them.

A visit to the camps with one of these workers will open the eyes of compassionate Christians so that the farm workers will become visible in all their humanity; then, not only their needs but the value they bring to society will be evident. ◂◂

Katerina Katsarka Whitley of Williamston is chairperson of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministries of the dioceses of East Carolina and North Carolina.

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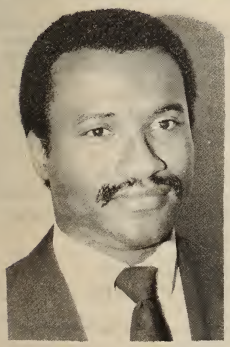
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Rev. Leamon E. Brown Receives Degree

By J. Vincent Terry, Staff Writer



Rev. Leamon E. Brown

Salisbury, N.C. — The Rev. Leamon E. Brown, Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Salisbury, North Carolina earned the Masters of Divinity Degree from Hood Theological Seminary on May 9, 1989.

Reverend Brown received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Welfare at Livingstone College in 1973. He then did one year of graduate study at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Reverend Brown received the call to preach in his hometown, Anniston, Alabama. He was ordained in 1980 at First Calvary. Reverend Brown served First Calvary as Assistant Pastor beginning in 1978, and Interim Pastor in the period from 1980 to 1984. On July 1, 1984, he was officially installed as Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church.

Reverend Brown is a member of the Salisbury-Rowan United Ministerial Alliance, and Second Vice President of the Rowan Association Baptist Training Union. In addition to his duties at First Calvary, he is employed at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Continuing Education.

Reverend Brown is married to the former Beatrice J. Grasty of Salisbury, North Carolina. They have two children: Leah Caolyne and Lemuel Michah.



Chaplain Appointed As Medical Center Chief



Chaplain Frederick D. Terry

Frederick D. Terry, son of the late Evan and Lillie Terry of Ellerbe, was recently appointed chief of Chaplain Service at the VA Medical Center in Bay Pines, Fla. Chaplain Terry has been chief of Chaplain Service in the VA Medical Center in Marion, Ind. since May 1977. During these years he has touched the lives of many employees of the medical center. As chief of Chaplain Service, he has consistently maintained high morale among his staff. He has always sought to develop spiritual values and high morale among all employees as well as patients.

Over the years JCAH and SERP teams have always been very complimentary of the organizational structure, managerial skills, and comprehensive programs that Chaplain Service has in meeting the needs of the patients. Central Office has recognized his leadership skills also, and he has been detailed to Washington, D.C. numerous times for special assignments. He was instrumental in forming a format for the new Chaplain Training School, Hampton, Va., worked on a panel to revise the manual, served as an instructor for new chiefs at the training school, and was asked to give a presentation at the last Chief's Conference held at Central Office, Washington, D.C. He was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of Chaplain Service, Central Office.

One of his major accomplishments at the Marion medical center was the beginning of an Employee Prayer Breakfast and several patient prayer breakfasts, which are held annually on the second Wednesday of May. The Employee Prayer Breakfast brings together 400 employees, their families, pastors, retirees, and volunteers, as well as religious, political, educational and civic leaders in the community. Along with the first prayer breakfast, he also organized an employee choir. The VA Employee Choir is still going strong. They not only sing for the Employee Patient Prayer Breakfasts, but for memorial services, Good Friday services, Sunday evening program for patients, as well as other special services.

Other accomplishments include the formation of honor guard teams to serve at burial services for the veterans, and the establishment of memorial services for deceased employees and NHCU residents. Chaplain Terry also organized the "Operation Wheelchair Escort" program to bring in volunteers each Sunday to push wheelchair patients to the chapel services. Each Sunday, 20-25 volunteers participate from local churches, Taylor University, and various fraternal and civic organizations.

He has been active in the community, holding membership in the American Cancer Society, District Boy Scouts of America, Metro Exchange Club, the Marion Minsiterial Fellowship Association, NAACP, and Grant County Mental Health Association. He is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and has served as a command chaplain for the 123rd AIRCOM, Forst Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Chaplain Terry has received numerous awards while at the Marion VAMC, including two special contribution awards, two outstanding ratings, one achievement award, two certificates of appreciation, three commendations, and three performance awards. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity from Shaw University, Raleigh.

Chaplain Terry is a 1955 graduate of Shaw University and a 1958 graduate of Shaw Divinity School. He was married to the late Alberta Gibson, also a Shaw graduate and classmate. They have three children. He assumed duties as chief of Chaplain Service at the VA Medical Center, Bay Pines, Fla., effective April 23.

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Summary of June 1989 Sunday School Lessons

By Rev. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

We begin our study of Joshua with Chapter 4, Verses 1-3, 8, 15-24. Here we see that the Israelites after 40 years in the wilderness have arrived in the Promised Land. With their arrival the Lord commands that they re-establish the rite of circumcision and the observance of Passover. He also instructs Joshua to establish a memorial to their crossing of the Jordan. Why a memorial? A memorial is a visible means of triggering the mind to recall. We so easily forget not matter how important or trivial the situation. God wanted the Israelites to remember His faithfulness that by His power they reached the Promised Land; that He provided for their needs fully, not half-heartedly; and he wanted them to remember Him-Yahweh — and all that He had done.

We are called to build memorials in our lives too, so that when we face trials, as the Israelites would in possessing the Promised Land, we can recall God's faithfulness and power. And just as the Father was faithful when the Israelites, in faith, were obedient so He will be faithful to us. If we will practice creating memories in the Lord as we walk by faith, we will be able to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Philip. 4:13).

The second lesson for June admonishes us that God's ways "are not necessarily our ways." We must listen to the Lord as He speaks and directs, rather than getting so caught up in self that we miss what He is trying to show us. The Israelites clearly exemplify this concept in today's lesson. They were camped outside Jericho and were now to begin the process of possessing the Promised Land. In Joshua 6:1-4, the Lord give Joshua His plan for conquering Jericho. This strategy doesn't seem to make sense from a warrior's perspective; but God has a purpose. He would show the Canaanites that the Israelites were His children and the battle was His.

Joshua 6:15-19 tells of Joshua giving the Lord's instructions of strategy for the battle. Only Rahab and her family in Jericho would survive. Rahab and her kin were allowed to live because she recognized the Lord and gave refuge to His servants when they were behind the walls of Jericho. (See Joshua 2). The Lord also gave instructions about what spoils were to be taken in the battle. (Joshua 6:18-19). In Joshua 6:20-21, we find the victory the Hebrews experienced because they walked by faith with the Lord.

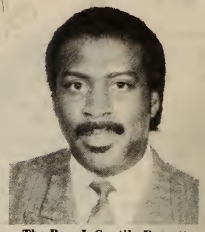
The Israelites faced what to them was an overwhelming task in conquering Jericho. God gave them the victory in His way; all they had to do was obey. In our lives today our relationship with the Lord is based on the same "if. . .then" premise. If we will obey, God will be faithful. God will encourage us through His Word, through one another, and through His Holy Spirit. We must seek and obey. God is faithful; His ways are not our ways. We must yield to His ways to have the victory He will give.

The study passage for our third lesson is Joshua 21:43-22:6. God kept His promise. In verse 43, we find that the Lord gave Israel all the land He'd promised their forefathers. Verses 44-45 detail the Lord's faithfulness further; how He blessed His People! We as joint-heirs with Christ can also experience the Lord's great faithfulness.

The lesson continues with an example of reward for human faithfulness. The tribes of Reuben, God, and the half-tribe of Manneseh asked Moses if they could settle on the east coast of Jordan because the land was able to support the cattle they raised. Moses agreed when the leaders of the tribes promised that they would remain with their brothers until they possessed the Promised Land. Years later, and under the leadership of Joshua the task was accomplished. The warriors of these two and a half tribes were often in the forefront of battle. Now, the Israelites had conquered and these men who had been faithful in their promise could now return to their homes and families on the east coast of Jordan. They had earned their rest. Joshua now encourages all the Hebrew to remember.

Joshua now encourages all the Hebrews to remember the Lord. Joshua is concerned about their spiritual well being; that they not become haughty in their victory, and forget that the Lord brought them through the battle. He reminds them that God will continue to bless them as long as they are obedient to the Lord's commandments. This reminder applies to us today. In the Lord we have freedom; we have victory; we have rest. In sin we are alienated from God and enslaved by Satin. God will never fail us. We must remain faithful to Him.

Joshua 24:14-22, 26, 27 speaks to our lives just as it did the Israelites. Joshua challenges the people of God to make a choice. We too must choose whom we will serve, the Lord or Satan. Joshua make His choice and



The Rev. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

shares it with His brethren. Living for the Lord is not a life of coercion, but an active choice that each individual can make. In making our choice we must recognize that their is a cost and there are difficulties associatesd with choosing the Lord. We cannot half-step with the Lord. We must commit totally. Joshua 24:19 says the Lord "is a holy God, He is a jealous God. . ." If in knowing this, we like the Israelites choose the Lord, we have the assurance of the Lord's faithfulness when we are faithful.

We have the opportunity to choose the Lord today and like the Israelites, God wants us to be fully committed to our walk with Him. He is a jealous God and any thing — money cars, clothes, even loved ones — that interfere with our relationship with the Lord weakens our consecration to Him. My Friends, anything that interferes with our walk with the Lord is an idol. If we choose the Lord, we "worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.

Light Oak Missionary Baptist Church Honors Mrs. Lucille H. Evans

By Mrs. Colene B. Stanley, Associate Editor

Rev. Johnny C. Browner, officers, and members of Light Oak Missionary Baptist Church of Shelby, N.C., honored Mrs. Lucille H. Evans for 18 years of untiring services. The Appreciation Ceremony was held Sunday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m.

The service included presentations of a corsage, roses, cake, garment, plaque, poem tribute, and love offering. Rev. Browner delivered the message — "An Example of Giving" — II Corin. 8:1-5, Luke 6:38. Pastor Browner expounded on the five t's which included temple, time, talent, testimony and treasure.

Mrs. Evans was recognized for an unselfish giving of her time, talent and service to the church. Some of her duties include mimeographing, typing and preparation of weekly church bulletins. Even though she is **not** a member of Light Oak Baptist, she has never accepted any monetary payment for her continuous work.

A living testimony of a "good steward," Mrs. Evans has never complained about being overlooked or uncompensated for all of her services. She was cited for being an humble Christian who bears the fruits of the spirit of God.



Mrs. Lucille H. Evans

Not only has she faithfully served Light Oak Baptist, she has been an active member for the past 28 years of Shiloh Baptist Church in Shelby (Rev. R.E. Devoe, Pastor) and the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association. An educator for the past 12 years, she is employed with the Cleveland County School System.

A wife and mother for the past 44 years, she is married to the Rev. Eddie D. Evans Jr. Their son is Nathaniel Evans who serves as deacon and Sunday school superintendent at Light Oak Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Evans are blessed with three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Truly, her life clearly reflects the real meaning of loyalty, longevity, consistency and commitment to humankind.

Following the services, a reception was held in the church dining room.

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Shaw Divinity School Graduates 17

By Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President

Seventeen students graduated from Shaw Divinity School, April 29, 1989; eight with distinction. Approximately 300 people gathered in the Shaw Divinity School sanctuary to celebrate graduation. Ten graduates received the Master of Divinity; one, the Bachelor of Theology; and six, the Diploma in Theology.

The following Master of Divinity graduates received their degrees with honors: William Newkirk, Summa Cum Laude; Cardes Brown, Summa Cum Laude; Channing Cunningham, Magna Cum Laude; Terry Thomas, Cum Laude; Allan Smith, Cum Laude. Bachelor of Theology graduate Ernestine Jones received Cum Laude honors. John Highsmith and Randolph James Barnes received their Diplomas in Theology with distinction.

Others graduating from Shaw Divinity School were: Master of Divinity — Joseph Bryant, Lizzie M. Crews, Helen McLaughlin, Gloria Smith, Robert Terry; Diploma in Theology — Lee E. Jones, Evoria B. Peele, William Smith, Maurice Stackhouse.

Dr. Ella Mitchell to be Conference Speaker for Women in Ministry Retreat

By Reverend Helen McLaughlin

Dr. Ella Mitchell to be Conference Speaker for Women in Ministry Retreat. The Shaw Divinity School Interdenominational Organization of Women Ministers and Ministries Third Annual Women and Men in Ministry Retreat will be Thursday through Saturday, June 22-24 on the Campus of Shaw Divinity School. The theme this year is the second in a series of "Conflict and Consciousness: Dialogues on Women and Men in Ministry." This Retreat will include: preaching, panel discussions, fellow/sistership, workshops and a banquet.

The Dr. Ella Mitchell, author of **Those Preachin Women** and Lecturer will be our Conference preacher. She will be preaching on Friday night and Saturday evening. Dr. Mitchell will be available during the Retreat to meet informally with students and other women. The President's banquet is on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Registration will begin on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Registration fee is $35.00 (includes the banquet) for the Retreat is the InnKeeper at 2501 South Saunders Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. The telephone number for reservations is 832-0521. You may preregister for the retreat by writing or calling: Helen Mclaughlin, Shaw Divinity School, P.O. Box 2090, Raleigh, NC 27602, telephone number 832-1069 or 832-1701.

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Deep River Association Women's Auxiliary Sponsors A Special Project For The Shaw Divinity School Fellowship Hall

By Reverend Helen McLaughlin

The Deep River Association Women's Auxiliary recently sponsored a special project to help supply dishes and other useful utensils for the Fellowship Hall of Shaw Divinity School. Most of the 26 churches missionary circles participated. This project was done in addition to the other support through the Women's Convention of GBSC. As friends of Shaw Divinity School, the Women of Deep River Association are keenly aware that "Every Little Bit Helps Out." Dr. J.L. Morgan is the Moderator of Deep River Association. From right to left: front row is the former President, Sister Etta Crump, Marie Singletary, Margaret Smith and back row is: Wilma Siler, Ruth Patterson, Margie Crump, Omega Herring.



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Dr. Gregory T. Headen, President of the Shaw Divinity School presented to Willie Jordan and James Longmire and "Achievement In Music Award" plaque following the Partnership's recent chapel recital of April 8, 1989.

SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

The church respondents to our appeal for the Shaw Endowment Fund, our major focus during the month of March, need to be commended. Shaw University appreciates the great effort put forth by laymen, pastors, moderators, district workers, churches, unions, missionary circles, associations, etc.

We appreciate your recognition of the importance of higher education for our people. No area of activities — economic, political, social, and religious — can escape the impact of education. Without it, our young people's chances of survival are almost nil.

Furthermore, Shaw University has always concerned itself with educating those young people whose financial status make it almost impossible for them to matriculate at other schools. The ever-widening gap between the median income of white and African-American families makes Shaw University a needed institution.

As you well know, Shaw cannot perform the task of educating many of the economically deprived without help from other sources. It has been a major part of the Baptist genius to help those who need help. Those church respondents that answered our appeal during March were following a glorious tradition.

We are asking you to continue this trend. There is no greater sign of Christlikeness than sacrificial giving.

That is our challenge to the religious groups that contributed to the Shaw University Endowment Fundraising Drive. There is a greater challenge in those churches that have not yet responded.

That challenge is: the educational welfare of countless numbers of would-be students may depend on how seriously you take this appeal. While some churches have contributed in this sacrificial spirit and have responded to the appeal exceedingly well a vast majority of the 1,700 Baptist churches of the General Baptist State Convention have not yet responded to the appeal.

Let me say, it is not too late. The deadline to match the government's offer of $2,000,000.00 with $1,000,000.00 is June 17th.

Secondly, Shaw needs your support of this particular project and your support in general. Since 1867, when the General Baptist State Convention was organized, it has been a bulwark of financial support for Shaw. In turn, many of the students who studied at Shaw have become pastors, deacons, trustees and servants in general in the Baptist churches of North Carolina. So the relationship between Shaw and the churches of the convention has not been a one-sided affair. We have contributed to the well-being of each other.

Thirdly, we challenge you to recognize the importance of an endowment. It is something that ceases the financial burden on the institution and helps it sail smoothly through the seas of financial crisis.

As we have said over and over, an endowment is money making money. It is invested money. The principal is not touched unless an extreme financial crisis forces a dipping into that principal.

Schools with good endowments and sound fiscal policies have few financial problems. We are trying to build an adequate endowment here at Shaw. We guarantee that under the present administration, there will be sound fiscal policies. Designated monies will be used in the way that best benefits the school.

Herein lies the challenge to the churches that have not yet responded to our March appeal: "In as much as you have done it for the least of my brothers you have done it for me." This was the Jesus speaking who set the example of Christian service by giving his life that others might experience the abundant life.

His mantle has been placed on the church. His teachings are to be expanded by the church. His unfinished business is the mission of the church.

The challenge is great, but I have had an inkling of your history presented to me. I know that since the inception of the convention, churches have shared their material resources with those objectives which the convention has said that you will support.

So, regardless of what the reason was that has prevented you from contributing to the endowment fund, it is not too late to give now. Shaw needs your support, and finally, this drive challenges you to recognize that education is an indispensable commodity.

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Dr. Marcus Ingram Speaker at Shaw Awards Day

By Dr. Ronald Swain

The Reverend Dr. Marcus V. Ingram, Moderator of the New Hope Association of Baptist Churches, will be the featured speaker at Shaw University's annual honor awards day on the campus at Shaw. Although Dr. Ingram has been blind since birth, his academic and pastoral achievements are outstanding. Dr. Ingram holds a PhD degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has an MA and has completed course requirements for a PhD degree in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ingram has taught at UNC-Chapel Hill, Virginia Polytech, Miles Colleges, Pennsylvania State University, Elizabeth City State University, and is now an associate professor in the North Carolina Central University School of Business. Dr. Ingram is married and has three children.

Three Receive Honorary Degrees

By Dr. Ronald Swain

Three prominent black educators received honorary degrees from Shaw University Friday, May 12, at the 124th Convocations for the Conferring of Degrees.

Dr. Christopher F. Edley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Negro College Fund, received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Dr. Edley has become widely known and greatly admired for actualizing the educational dreams of many young black Americans whose intellectual aspirations should be otherwise thwarted. In his own words, Dr. Edley has said: "Educating our youth is the most important job that we have." Dr. Edley was also the commencement speaker for the ceremony.

Margaret J. Seagears, Executive Director of The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, received an honorary Doctor of Humane letters degree. During her tenure in office, she has seen federal support for historically black institutions of higher learning increase by 25.5 percent — $544.8 million dollars to $683.6 million. Dr. Seagears has been awarded honorary degrees for her accomplishments by 5 other universities before receiving the Shaw degree.

Dr. Preston H. Grantham received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree for his pioneering in work aiding the cause of medical and cancer research. He rose to the position of Senior Laboratory Scientist at the National Cancer Institute of Bethesda, MD. Friends have established a scholarship fund for Shaw students named in his honor.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

Shaw University Educator/ Administrator Ending Long Tenure

By Dr. John Fleming, Contributing Editor

The year was 1948. Harry Truman was president of these United States. Commercial television was in its infancy. College enrollment was bulging with veterans returning to school after World War II. Robert Prentiss Daniel was in his twelfth year as president of Shaw University. In that year a young man who had graduated from Shaw in 1947 accepted a position there as an instructor in Foreign Languages and as an assistant football coach. His name was Thomas Edward Kee, affectionately known as "Tommy."

On one had any idea at that time that his tenure, which has included both faculty and administrative status, would last for forty-one years! Even more impressive than the longevity of his tenure has been the high level of its quality.

He has worn many hats at Shaw — instructor, assistant professor, and associate professor; Dean of Students, Vice Presient for Student Affairs, Vice President for University Relations and Development, Special Assistant to the President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Institutional Relations and Enrollment Mangement — and he has worn all those hats with dignity and with skill.

This June, on the thirtieth day of the month, his forty-one years of service at Shaw will end with his retirement. On the night of May 12th, the University will have a special recognition service for this loyal worker who, following in the footsteps of the University's founder, has "counted not his life dear unto himself that he might lift Godward his brother."

After graduating from Barringer High School, Newark, New Jersey, "Tommy" matriculated at Shaw in the Fall of 1939. His presence was soon felt on the football field where he immediately starred as the team's quarterback. He was, however, much more than an athlete. A good student and campus leader, he served on the Men's Personnel Council, sang with the University Chorale Society, participated in plays presented by the Shaw Players, held the position on one occasion as president of the French Club, held membership in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, served on the Student Council, and found time to serve as Sports editor of the school's newspaper.

It would appear now, looking back, that his college years were a training ground for the versatility he has shown as a teacher/administrator at his alma mater. His versatility, both during his student days and during his professional career, certainly made him an important cog in the Shaw machinery.

While working at his beloved Shaw, "Tommy" has used what once would ordinarily think as vacation time to broaden his educational experience. He studied at Howard, Columbia (from which he received his M.A. degree), Atlanta, and Cornell Universities. He has also studied at the Institute de Pau (University of Bordeau) Pau, France, and at Middlebury College.

Not only has his labor at Shaw been enhanced by an intellectual curiosity that caused him to take advantage of opportunities to gain more knowledge, he has also enhanced that intellectual curiosity through travel and military experience. "Tommy" has traveled extensively in this country. He has also seen much of Canada, Europe, the Middle and Far East, and North Africa.

As so many stsudents during World War II, his formal education was interrupted for a period (1943-1946) while he served in the United States Air Force. That, however, as many veterans so well known, was an educational, though informal, experience.

His recognitions and awards are too numerous to list here, but they have included several meritorious service awards for his outstanding work at Shaw, selection of Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities, Omega Man of the Year (1961), Presidents Achievement Award of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters from Shaw, and induction into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

For many years his church activities have included serving on the Board of Deacons at the Martin Street Baptist Church and directing two choirs there. His contributions to the life of his church have come in for much praise.

With all of these activities, "Tommy" has found time to be a devoted husband and father. His wife, also a Shaw graduate and with a long tenure at Shaw (now retired), is the former Elnora McCrimmon. Their three children, nurtured by parental care and concern, are now making their marks in society. Brenda, a famed concert artist and college professor, holds the Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan. Thomas, Jr. and Timothy, twins, are carving out careers in the field of business after graduating from North Carolina Central University.

The remarkable trait that summarizes the life of Dr. Kee is **humility.** Deliberate in his thinking, slow to anger, respectful of the opinions of others, a cooperative organizational man, and one who speaks in a moderate tone at all times are qualities that stem from his basic trait — humility.

His secretary of twenty-five years, Miss Lillie Dunn, views him as a man of compassion. She extolled his concern for the welfare of the ill and less fortunate and spoke in glowing terms of his willingness to do anything that he can to help others. She has also noted his great personal control and coolness under trying circumstances. Again, all of these elements of his character are rooted in his humility.

And those of us who have had any work experience with him add a fervent "Amen" to Miss Dunn" assessment.

Dr. Kee has learned how to accept the high moments without boasting, and the low moments without succumbing to defeat.

For one who has reported to work with regularity and consistency for forty-one years, we want to know his future plans. The first thing he wants to do is to take a well-deserved rest and spend some time with his family. After that, he wants to give his time, energy, and talent in voluntary service to character-building organizations.

Of course there was an interest in knowing something about his rewarding experiences at Shaw.

He listed as a rewarding experience working under a number of presidents, interim and acting presidents from Dr. Daniel to Dr. Talbert O. Shaw. He felt that each one brought something unique to the leadership role and that he was one of the beneficiaries of that uniqueness.

Working with students over such a long span was also mentioned as a rewarding experience. As he put it, "To feel that you have contributed to the molding of character is most gratifying."

He saw working with faculty and administrators, especially during the several crisis periods at Shaw, as a rewarding experience. He commented on the commitment of those with whom he has worked over the years. Their loyalty to the cause of education was, for him, something worth appreciating.

While a humble man, he has experienced a degree of pride in witnessing the return of former students who have been successful in life. He talked about the lawyers, doctors, teachers, ministers, government officials, and political leaders who once studied at Shaw. Especially has gratification come to him in seeing students return who were in "the barely made-it" category and who are now enjoying successful careers.

Dr. Kee considers this latter group as a sort of living "litmus test" of what Shaw is about and what it has done to lead students to become masters of achievement who otherwise would not have received a college education.

Dr. Kee has a deeply rooted appreciation for his contacts with Shaw people as a student, as a faculty member, and as an administrator. He declares that he is able to date a student's days at Shaw by how he addresses him. "Tommy" usually means during his student days in the 40s. Professor and dean take in the 60s; and Mr. Vice President would certainly refer to the 70s and 80s.



Thomas E. Kee
Executive Vice President
Shaw University

His long career, the many ways in which he has served Shaw, the innumerable contributions that he has made to Shaw call for special commendation. There is nothing more important than a steward being found faithful. Dr. Kee has kept faith through several crises that threatened Shaw University's very existence, but in his humble way he has expressed great appreciation for the alumni, Baptist churches, corporations, and friends who have rallied to Shaw's support bringing it back from the brink of extinction.

The overcoming of the challenges of financial crises at Shaw, which he attributed to others, is again an example of that basic trait-humility. All of us know that "Tommy" was in there pitching, doing as much as anyone to meet those challenges. We know that he toiled, made sacrifices, gave of his material possessions, appealed to others for help during those days of crises.

The words of John Flavel are an excellent commentary of the life of Thomas Edward Kee: "They that know God will be humble; they that know themselves cannot be proud."

— John W. Fleming

Shaw Hosts Teacher Education Recruiters

A group of teacher education recruiters from high schools across North Carolina assembled at Shaw University recently to discuss the subject of teacher preparation in the 21st Century. Another topic covered was how to increase teacher enrollment at Shaw. Among the panelists were the President at Shaw, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. McLouis Clayton, Education and Humanities Division Chair, Dr. Joan D. Barrax, Director of Teacher Education, Dr. Brenda Lovely, Director of Field Experience, Dr. Ricke Watson, and Director of Childhood Development Associates at the University, Dr. Vernise Loveless.

The highlight of the day-long seminar was the recognition by the high school recruiters that all across the state, Shaw University is regarded as the pillar of strength for black educators. 123 years ago, Shaw University was born with the gift of excellence and the University's continuing demand for excellence in education is its hallmark. Shaw is eagerly recruiting black students who believe in striving toward excellence.

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Convention Special Continued

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night April 9, 1989, with the local Moderators sponsoring a Pre-Evangelism Conference worship service. The Reverend Dr. J.B. Woodhouse, Moderator of Tar River Association opened the Conference with a motivating message that stage for a soul-stirring Evangelism Conference.

On Monday night, April 10, 1989, the Conference session opened with a local program sponsored by Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Also we had a mini-concert by the Mass Conference Choir, directed by Mr. Bobby Stephenson, a member of Lawndale First Baptist Church, Reverend Billy Houze, Pastor. Mr. Stephenson led the Conference Choir the entire week. Our soloist for the week was Reverend Georgia Guest of Shelby, North Carolina. Reverend Guest sung our souls "happy" the entire week. She also on Tuesday morning, April 11, 1989 the Conference continued with a morning Bible Study by the Reverend Dr. James E. Montgomery, Sr., Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina. After my welcoming remarks and overview, the Reverend Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Pastor Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina gave the first lecture of the Conference, "How the Storm Rises Over the Flock." Dr. Bigelow focused on several areas of church administration that if neglected could cause storms to rise in the church. For example, it is important to train and teach your church staff, officers and members. Stewardship is important to chruch harmony and unity.

After Dr. Bigelow's outstanding address, and music by Reverend Georgia Guest, Dr. A.B. Sutton, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte, gave a powerful and dynamic message on "What to Do When Trouble Comes." I have heard Dr. Sutton preach many times but his message Tuesday morning was one of the best I have ever heard, as is often said, "if Dr. Sutton never preaches again, he preached April 11, 1989 during the GBSC Annual Evangelism Conference."

On Tuesday night April 11, 1989 Mrs. Shirley Bullock, an officer of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, and member of the Saint James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount where her husband serves as Pastor, gave a lecture "Evangelism in a Troubled World: The Absence of True Love." Mrs. Bullock held the Conference spell bound during her presentation. She was outstanding, informative, and inspirational.

Dr. Jasper Williams gave the first in a series of spiritual, informative, and practical sermons. His first message was "What In The World Is A Christian?" In it he talked about the Doctrine of Salvation. Dr. Williams brought the worshippers to their feet on several occasions. The message also displayed a "new" Jasper Williams. In the past Dr. Williams has preached many of the traditional sermons of "the church" that have been passed down from salvary times and the preaching era of Dr. C.L. Franklin, Detroit, Michigan. During the GBSC Evangelism Conference Dr. Williams shared several new sermons that had his own unique theological approach and insight. Also Dr. Williams took time in each message to review and teach the Biblical text that supported his sermon.



Dr. Thomas Walker, host pastor sings his hit record, "Don't Worry, Be Happy."



Dr. Jasper Williams, Preaching, "A New World Is Coming."



Evangelism Counselors lead call for salvation.



Participants in conference



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Wednesday morning, April 12, 1989 was highlighted by the Evangelism Conferencce Annual President's Breakfast in honor of Dr. Williams, our guest preacher. During the breakfast the GBSC made a historic step in support of minority economic development by endorsing the Comprehensive Minority Economic Development Bill, House Bill #1957 (See the article GBSC SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL, Page 15). Also during the breakfast greetings were brought by the mayor of Rocky Mount the Honorable Fred Turnage, Dr. Williams, and several elected Black Officials of Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

The Wednesday morning session was highlighted by a lecture by Dr. L.A. Lynch, Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. "Shepherding the Flock through Conflict." Dr. Lynch shared several methods to use to confront conflict/crisis in the church. Dr. Lynch gave several resources for material on how to deal with "church fights." We need to let more love abide in our hearts, congregations, and lives. Dr. Lynch was followed by the Reverend Kenneth Martin, Boiling Springs, North Carolina who preached a dynamic evangelistic message.

Wednesday night's session was opened with a presentation on "Youth Evangelism" by Mrs. Helen Hines of Rocky Mount. She delivered an outstanding address and challenged both youth and adults. She was followed by a devotional message by Reverend Ivan Davis, First Baptist Laurel Hill. The lecture for the evening was "Evangelism in Troubled World: the Absence of True Life" by Dr. J.O. Thorne, Moderator of the Progressive Tar River Association. Dr. Thorne took us to the mountain top by way of the "Valley of Dry Bones" and asked the question: Can there be true life? Can we really live? By the power of God I am a witness we can live.

Other highlights of Wednesday night were an update of the Shaw University Endownment Drive by Dr. Ronald Swain; greetings from Central Children's Home, and the Shaw Divinity School. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to area Moderators. A special Plaque of Recognition was given to Dr. Paul Drummond, Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina for his dedicate support of the past two Statewide Evangelism Conferences hosted by the Saint Paul Church Family.

Dr. Jasper Williams delivered the second sermon in his series, "Weary In Worshipping" our souls were blessed. The message was a preaching masterpiece. He talked about the power of the Holy Spirit in worship. Also he indicated that when we do not as God requires we become weary in worship.

The final day of the Evangelism Conference, Thursday, April 14, 1989 was opened by the Reverend Dr. Elbert Lee with a Bible and Health Study on Gerontology. Dr. Lee a noted gerontologist and adjunct faculty member at Shaw Divinity School raised our level of learning about the aging process. He was followed by an outstanding and spiritual presentation by Dr. T.A. Watkins Pastor of Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. Dr. Wilson continued to build on the Holy Spirit as it dwelt with us. Dr. Watkins is a noted scholar and Baptist historian we were blessed by his sharing in our Annual Conference.

The morning lecture was brought by Dr. S.T. Churn, Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Churn was accompanied to Rocky Mount by his son who preceded his father with a solo. Dr. Churn's lecture "Shepherding the Flock in Triumph" was moving and passionate. The Thursday sessions ended with a sermon by The Reverend Dr. Abraham Walton, Garysburg, North Carolina, pastor of several churches, one of the Dean's of Preaching in North Carolina. Dr. Walton has been an inspiration to many of us in North Carolina and across the nation; he is a "preacher's preacher." He preached for Revelations 7, "These Are They." What a time we had!!

The final session of the Conference was opened with a lecture "Evangelism in a Troubled World: The Absence of True Light" lead by Reverend A.W. Fulwood, Director of Development, Shaw Divinity School and Pastor of Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell, North Carolina. Reverend Fulwood gave an evangelistic address while at the same time exhibiting his gift as a preacher.

Dr. Jasper Williams closed out the Conference with his nationally known sermon, "A New World Is Coming." This was the pentacle of the Conference. What a fellowship, what a joy divine. We had a great celebration in Jesus Christ, Thursday night. We thank God that a new world is coming soon.

Again I want to thank you the GBSC Family for helping me make this Statewide Evangelism Conference a success. I realize that your unified support is necessary for any success, THANK YOU. Also I appreciate your prayers and the opportunity to serve. It is often difficult planning, preparing, anticipating, hoping, and pulling together a large Conference but by GOD'S AMAZING GRACE WE OVERCOME: LEST WE NEVER FORGET, IN ALL WE DO, AND ALL WE ACHIEVE — TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

Convention Special

GBSC Supports Comprehensive Minority Economic Development Bill

By Dr. J.O. Thorne

The General Baptist State Convention made a historic step at its Evangelism Conference held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount on April 10th through 13th, 1989 to advance minority economic development in North Carolina through job creation, business ownership opportunities and affordable housing by endorsing a Comprehensive Minority Economic Development Bill recently introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly by Representative Thomas Hardaway and the North Carolina Black Legislative Causus on May 11, 1989.

The GBSC is following the mandate of the Lord Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and instill values, morals and standards into human beings as we seek to have souls. Citing a link between spiritual deterioration and neighborhood deterioration, members of the convention called on the General Assembly to support economic development within minority and low-income communities at its Annual President's Breakfast April 12, 1989. The resolution of support was presented by President J.B. Humphrey to North Carolina Speaker of the House Joe Mavretic, who was the guest speaker at the breakfast honoring Dr. Jasper Williams our guest evangelist.

Rev. Thomas L. Walker, host pastor for the Evangelism Conference stated "the Convention embraced House Bill #1957 (Minority Economic Development Fund) with a great deal of interest because it ties into the statewide goals and objectives of the GBSC. In fact, he continued, "the Resolution of Support for Minority Economic Development by the GBSC leading to job creation, neighborhood revitalization, minority business ownership opportunities and affordable housing represents an effort by the convention to show the united support of Black Baptist from across the state for minority economic development, self-help strategies and the role of the church in rebuilding our deteriorating communities."

I want to urge our ministers and members of church congregations, and friends of the GBSC to call and write their State Representatives and ask them to vote in support of House Bill #1957, The Minority Economic Development Fund.

The members of the GBSC are organized energies of local religious bodies and can be translated into a political power resource. A church represents a certain number of voting citizens. If members of all of our GBSC congregations are united in their support of House Bill #1957 and for our social and economic agenda for our communities, armed with our votes, we can effectively advocate for help in rebuilding our neighborhoods from our elected officials on a City, County, State and National level. The GBSC can gain across to the existing power structure and influence it with prayers and votes.

No organization or institution can better articulate the moral imperative or can better serve as the conscience of our community and economic needs that the local church and the GBSC, we can move other institutions with a special power.

Nehemiah 1:17-18

Then I said to them, "You see our wretched plight. Jerusalem lies in ruins, its gates destroyed by fire. Come, let us rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and be rid of the reproach. ". . .They replied, "Let us start the rebuilding."

The Black community is in plight, our cities, neighborhoods, communities and families lie in ruins. Our homes and neighborhoods are destroyed by unemployment, lack of affordable housing, single headed families, drugs, low self-esteem, lack of business ownership opportunities, red-lining by local banks who will not make loans in our neighborhoods, and a crisis of leadership. Let us rebuild and be rid of these problems. The church must assume its role as a leader and sustainer in our community.

Religious institutions are uniquely positioned to stimulate the economic development of distressed low-income communities. In many communities, the local church is the primary source of community identity, support, stability and leadership. Local church leaders have the confidence of their communities, the commitment to improve living conditions within the communities, and the capability to bring together a wide range of partners to jointly tackle community problems.

Local churches are encouraged to become involved in Community Economic Development (CED). CED is a coming together of people who share the same problems to do something about those problems. CED is an opportunity for improving the economy in a community by developing projects and businesses to benefit the community and be controlled by the community. CED is a systematic strategic process by which poor and underdeveloped communities organize themselves to create economic responses to individual and community needs. CED stops the leakage of money and other resources from our communities and has as its primary goals the increase of minority participation in commercial activities, the creation of more decent safe jobs, increased income, expanded skills, affordable housing and better goods and services for the benefit of the community and its people.

The local church is apart of the community; it has a constituency; it is a people gathered together to worship and to act out their beliefs and values; as such, it is an integral part of everyday life. The church speaks for people and they identify with it as their own. As a neighborhood institution, it has ties to other institutions, to the wider church bureaucracy, to the state government, to the place where it banks and where the members bank, to city hall as well as to county, state and national government for whom its membership votes.

The local church is an integral, trusted part of the community and yet as an organized institution it has a key role in community and economic development as Enabler or Facilitator of its own people, as community builder, as initial resource provider, as legitimator of community activities, as access point to main line financial institutions and as a reflector on values which can give true meaning or quality of life in the community.

The local church has a major stake in the communities their members live in. In very real ways, the physical and economic deterioration of a neighorhood directly threatens the ministry ofthe local church. Participation in CED is not just a way in which a church can serve a critical need of its congregation and community; it is also in some cases a matter of institutional survival.

The local church is suited to play certain roles in the Community Economic Development process. The local church is the leader, local religious institutions, due to their standing and function in a community, are natural sources of clergy and lay leadership for community development efforts. The local church is a sustainer, and can provide sustenance and continuity to community development efforts. They can help sustain the leadership by providing spiritual encouragement and communal support. The local church is the convener and the organizing factor. It articulates a vision for the community and legitimates the activities, churches lend authority to, and put a moral force behind community development programs. The local church is challenged today to initiate the rebuilding process within the low-income and minority communities of North Carolina and throughout this nation.

As a Moderator of GBSC, a pastor, an Afro-American elected official and an independent business person, I feel strongly about this legislation. Let's all work together for the betterment of our churches, communities and homes. House Speaker Joe Mavretic challenged us during the breakfast to participate in the governmental process. He challenged us to pursue the minority grant "set-aside" funds in government contracts. We were challenged to demand our fair share of the economic benefits that are provided through state and federal legislation.

For further information on Community Economic Development please contact: The N.C. Institute of Minority Economic Development, Mr. Jawara K. Lumumba (919-682-1894); North Carolina Legal Services, Mr. Abdul Rasheed (919-821-0042); or Dr. J.O. Thorne, 919/446-9375.



Honored Breakfast Guest Dr. Jasper Williams. Dr. A.L. Jenwright to left; President Humphrey at right.



Left to right: Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President GBSC; Mayor Fred Turnage, Rocky Mount; the Honorable Joe Mavretic, N.C. House Speaker, and Dr. Thomas Walker, Host Pastor.



Dr. Joy Johnson, chairman of GBSC Resolution Committee reads Economic Development Resolution.



Moderator J.O. Thorne, brings greetings from area pastors and churches.

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North Carolina. His theme was: "The Authority of the Moderator — The Baptist Perspective." Dr. Avery carefully outlined the need for the Moderator to be sensitive to "Baptist autonomy." The Moderator is available in the General Baptist Structure to serve. Dr. Avery indicated that Moderators gain the respect of ministers, and congregations by demonstrating wisdom and good judgment in denominational matters. Often Moderators are called on to work with churches. Also Moderators work directly with the Officers of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to carry out the Convention mission and purpose through the "objectives" of the GBSC. These "objectives" are: Foreign Mission, State Mission, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School and Central Children's Home. Both presenters were excellent.

The Moderator's Workshop was followed by the "Minister's Council." The Council was led by the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts, Editor of the **Lott Carey Herald**, and Pastor of First Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Fitts is also a noted historian and author. One of his books, **Black Baptist**, is a classic. Dr. Fitt's topic was: "The Relationship of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern and/or American Baptist Convention — What's the Difference."

Dr. Fitts began his presentation by reviewing the history of the GBSC. He reflected back on the formation of the Educational and Missionary Convention which later became the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., which took place in Goldsboro in 1867, at the First African Baptist Church, where Dr. I.B. Horton, now serves as Pastor. Dr. Fitts recalled Elder William Warwick the first President of the GBSC and Elder A.B. Williams who followed him in 1869 as our second President. From this starting point Dr. Fitts took us on a journey of identity, pride and divine purpose for our Denomination.

The evening session began with a Theme Address by the Rev. Dr. J.B. Woodhouse. Dr. Woodhouse spoke on "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task." He was followed by the host church's Welcome Program sponsored by the Antioch Baptist Church. Mrs. Dolores S. Hayes presided during the program. The program was highlighted by a "Mini-Concert" by the Antioch Mass Choir, and greetings by several community personalities including: Rev. E.O. Edwards, President of the Goldsboro Wayne Ministerial Alliance; Rev. W.C. Horton, Moderator of Bear Creek Association; Mr. J.B. Rhodes, Goldsboro City Alderman; Mr. John H. Wooten, Wayne County Board of Commissioners; and Mr. Donald Faison, Associate Superintendent of the Goldsboro City Schools.

The local program was followed by a dynamic, powerful, spirit-filled message by the Rev. Dr. C.R. Edwards, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and a North Carolina State Representative. Dr. Edwards let God use him.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1989, the Prison Ministry Committee began the day with a Special Breakfast. The Rev. Dr. Luther Coppedge, Pastor, New Trinity Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina and a Chaplain at the North Carolina Department of Corrections led a discussion and panel alcng with other ministers and dignitaries. A singing group made up of inmates accompanied Dr. Coppedge, they were entertaining. Their witness through song and spirit were tremendous.

The Tuesday morning theme address was given by the Rev. Dr. G.L. Gladney. His address ended in a powerful message. In my opinion, Rev. Gladney "preached."

Following the worship service President Humphrey called for Reports and Special Announcements. The Rev. Dr. Ronald Swain made a report on the Shaw University Million Dollar Endowment. He passed out a partial report. If you would like to receive a copy of the report please write: Dr. Ronald Swain, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, 919/755-4935.

Dr. Craig followed with reports of the work of the GBSC. Other reports from Dr. J.R. Manley, the Constitution Committee; Dr. J. Ray Butler, the Personnel Committee; and Dr. P.A. Brodie, the Woman's Convention, followed.

President Humphrey gave an outstanding presentation during his "Presidential Projections." He looked back to where we have came from; he lifted up where we are; then he shared with us what we could become with God's help." We all were spiritually lifted and encouraged.

The Mid-Year Session was closed out by a message by the Rev. Dr. F.O. Bass, Pastor of the historic Mount Vernon Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina. Rev. Bass preached from the subject: "Don't Let Bad News Ruin You," II Kings 20. Dr. Bass said, first; bad news is temporary; second, it serves to sharpen and strengthen your faith; and third, God will see you through bad news. The session was adjourned by President Humphrey. The stewardship report for the Mid-Year Session was approximately $79,900, to God be the Glory.



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BAPTIST CALENDAR

AUGUST 1989

4-5	Laymen's Summer Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
5-6	Central Children's Home Annual Alumni Reunion Oxford, N.C.
7-11	Progressive National Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia
15-17	Annual Session Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress Durham, N.C.
20	Youth Go To College Day
27	Sunday School Promotion Day
26-31	Registration Shaw Divinity School
28-31	Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Raleigh, NC, David Forbes, Pastor, Martin St. Baptist Church, Host

SEPTEMBER 1989

3	LABOR DAY
3	Baptist Training Union Promotion Day
4-10	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. New Orleans, LA
9	Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC
16	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
23	Family Missions Conference
24	Christian Education Sunday
27	Shaw University Convocation

Shaw Endowment Gets $3 Million

By Dr. A.D. Logan, Jr.
Editor

Shaw University's endowment received a $3 million boost June 27, 1989, a sign of the school's revitalization, President Talbert O. Shaw said.

Private donations and foundation support during a nine-month campaign totaled $1 million, Dr. Shaw said. The U.S. Department of Education matched the money with $2 million from the Title III Endowment Challenge Grant Program.

"This is a turning point in terms of financial stability, number one," Dr. Shaw said. "And number two, it is saying to donors: We are on the march."

The money will not be used for general operating expenses. Under the terms of the federal matching grant program, the $3 million in principle must remain invested for at least 20 years. In addition, only 50 percent of the interest may be used annually for the school's needs.

Dr. Shaw said the school shows a "new wave of optimism." Just a few years ago, the school had major financial woes, with creditors including the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of Education. The school now operates in the black, he said.

In addition, the school is seeing support for other projects. "Foundations that wouldn't listen to us two years ago are now calling and telling us to apply," Dr. Shaw said.

"What they see is that an investment in Shaw is a good investment," said Dr. Shaw, who has led the school since November 1987.

The $1 million was raised through a joint effort of the General Baptist State Convention, school alumni, faculty and staff and community donors.

The Baptist churches raised nearly $400,000, and another $300,000 came from the United Negro College Fund. (See page 3).

Dr. Wendell Somerville from Washington, D.C. a 1932 alumnus, gave $2,000 this week bringing his total donation for the drive to $5,000. Dr. Somerville is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw
President
Shaw University

Enrollment last fall was 1,500 students, and the school expects about 2,000 students by the year 2,000, said Patrick Elliott, director of public relations.

State Sunday School And Baptist Training Union Congress Annual Session

By Dr. Leo Williams Jr.

The anticipated pleasure of the forthcoming annual session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress has begun to create a great deal of advance excitement among the churches across the entire state. This year, we are happy to announce that the Congress will be hosted by the Union Baptist Church, North Roxboro Street, Durham, North Carolina, Dr. Grady D. Davis, Pastor. The date is August 15-17, 1989. Registration begins on Tuesday, August 15, at 8:00 a.m. and the opening assembly follows at 10:00 a.m.

Individual messenger registration is $3.00. Each church is asked to contribute at least $140.00 for the year. Each district convention is asked to contribute at least $100.00 for the year. All monies are to be paid to the General Baptist State Convention, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

Our General Theme is "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task: Stewardship," the Congress sub-theme is "Stewardship of Time, Talent, Tithing, and Teaching." Nine class settings, four workshops, four sermons, a theme lesson, a welcome program, administrative directives, recognitions, and an oratorical contest are highlights of the meeting.

Please plan to have your pastors, ministers, church officers, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, Baptist training union directors, Christian education directors, youth and adults present to share and participate in this grand affair of the Lord's work.

Make sure your sleeping accommodations are reserved with the motel of your choice. Mr. Cedric H. Jones is President of the Congress and Mrs. Hazel McLean is Dean of Instruction.

(See Lodging page four)



Dr. Leo Williams

Raleigh, North Carolina — Here We Come!

WASHINGTON, D.C. — During the week of August 28-September 1, 1989, an advance guard, designated Lott Carey — "The Convention of Distinction" will visit the historical capital of North Carolina.

According to Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, thousands of friends will be returning home — to God's country. This will be the First Annual Session of the Convention to be held in Raleigh for a period of fifty-one (51) years. North Carolina has the largest constituency of the Lott Carey Convention.

The forth-coming event comes through an invitation of the nationally known Martin Street Baptist Church, under the impeccable leadership of Dr. David C. Forbes.

Dr. Forbes has established himself as a Christian statesman whose libral-mindedness is in the vanguard of great Christian leaders; with the cooperation of the Baptist churches of Raleigh and vicinity, Dr. Forbes has surrounded himself with the overwhelming support of those missionary-minded leaders of North Carolina; and he has been given full cooperation by the city officials of Raleigh, N.C.

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastor:

We have less than two months before the close of our fiscal year 1988-89. We urge each of you to put forth every effort to meet your suggested quota on or before August 31, 1989. We urgently need your support for **STATE MISSIONS** and for the other objectives.

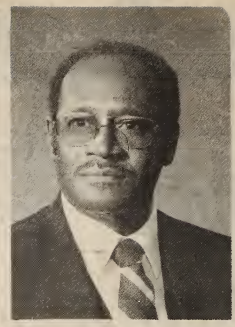
In addition to meeting your suggested quota, I am targeting more than four hundred pastors with a challenge to give one hundred or more dollars over and above their quotas in order to erase our indebtedness at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, which is more than forty thousand dollars.

Many thanks to all of you for your financial support and cooperation which will help the Convention meet its financial goal for the fiscal year 1988-89.

SPECIAL NOTE

Contributions through the office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention from September 1, 1988 through March, 1989. **(Please note the balance due from your church):**

CHURCH, LOCATION. PASTOR	QUOTA	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ALEXANDER UNION. ALFRED YOUNG, Moderator			
JERUSALEM. TAYLORSVILLE,			
LIBERTY GROVE. TAYLORSVILLE.	200.00	800.00	600.00
MACEDONIA. TAYLORSVILLE, MARVIN T. CLOWNEY	500.00	190.00	310.00
ST PETER'S, STATESVILLE, A. L. YOUNG	400.00	25.00	375.00
TOTAL		1,015.00	
BEAR CREEK. W. C. HORTON, Moderator			
ANTIOCH, GOLDSBORO. O'CLEE LEWIS	2,800.00	510.76	2,289.24
ATKINSON CHAPEL, GOLDSBORO, I. JOHNSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
AUGUSTA CHAPEL, DUDLEY. BRADY CARMACK	300.00	0.00	300.00
BANKS CHAPEL, KINSTON,	300.00	100.00	200.00
BARNES CHAPEL, GOLDSBORO, DAVID HOWELL	800.00	1,000.00	0.00
BEST GROVE, GOLDSBORO, W. C. HORTON	2,500.00	1,892.12	607.88
EBENEZER, LAGRANGE, DAVID S. HAMMOND	2,000.00	473.00	1,527.00
FIRST AFRICAN, GOLDSBORO, I. R. HORTON	4,000.00	1,328.00	2,672.00
FIRST, FREMONT, B. J. DANIELS	400.00	100.00	300.00
FIRST, PRINCETON, B. S. DANIELS	200.00	35.00	165.00
GREATER MT. ZION, KINTON, W. J. COX		350.00	
HOLLY GREEN. DUDLEY, C. H. BROWN, SR.	500.00	0.00	500.00
HOLLY HILL, KINSTON, J. E. WILLIAMS	300.00	365.63	0.00
HOOKS GROVE, PIKESVILLE, J. C. SHERROD	1,000.00	397.00	603.00
LIBERTY GROVE, LAGRANGE, HAROLD WARREN	200.00	50.00	150.00
MT. CALVARY, GOLDSBORO, SPENCER WILLIAMS	3,000.00	1,685.01	1,314.99
MT. PLEASANT, GOLDSBORO, J. A. MUMFORD	500.00	41.00	459.00
PATTERSON CHAPEL, KINSTON, B. L. KITTRELL	200.00	25.00	175.00
PETERSON CHAPEL, MERRY HILL, E. C. WHITE		20.00	
ROUSES CHAPEL, LAGRANGE, L. COLEY	200.00	60.00	140.00
ST. DELIGHT, WALSTONBURG, T. R. TAYLOR	1,500.00	78.50	1,421.50
ST. STEPHENS. GOLSBORO. E. K. SUTTON	300.00	0.00	300.00
SHADY GROVE, LAGRANGE, W. J. COX	200.00	50.00	150.00
SHADY GROVE, MT. OLIVE. J. A. MUMFORD	1,500.00	465.00	1,035.00
UNION GROVE. FREMONT,	200.00	0.00	200.00
WINN CHAPEL, MT. OLIVE. F. R. PETERSON	600.00	688.02	0.00
TOTAL		9,714.04	
BRUNSWICK-WACCAMAW, N. B. BENJAMIN, Moderator			
BIG MACEDONIA, SUPPLY. L. W. KEEL	800.00	0.00	800.00
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Dr. C.C. Craig

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EUREKA FIRST, EUREKA, ODELL FORTE	200.00	0.00	200.00
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NEW JERUSALM, FAYETTEVILLE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
VICTORY, FAYETTEVILLE, C. E. BRYANT	200.00	0.00	200.00
WASHINGTON PARK, FAYETTEVILLE, N. BRINKLEY	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		975.50	
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BLACKWELL, YANCEYVILLE, D. M. WILEY	200.00	140.00	60.00
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BURTON CHAPEL, MEBANE, L. A. BROOKS		70.00	
EBENEZER, PROVIDENCE, R. L. FERRELL	300.00	50.00	250.00
FIRST, ROXBORO	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
GRAVES CHAPEL, YANCEYVILLE, F. W. LORBETT	200.00	0.00	200.00
GROOMS CHAPE, REIDSVILLE, JAMES B. FULLER	600.00	225.00	375.00
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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)



From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey



The End Is The Beginning

I am elated over the successful $1,000,000.00 dollar endowment drive on behalf of Shaw University that was co-sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

I commend Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of the University and Dr. Ronald Swain, Vice President for Development for their tireless efforts. Both Dr. Shaw and Dr. Swain traveled the state with Dr. C.C. Craig and Executive Secretary; Dr. Leo Williams; Reverend Archie Logan, myself and other District Workers, Moderators, Pastors, Ministers, and friends of Shaw University. Without the spirit of UNITY this project would not have been successful.

Shaw University has a long affiliation with the General Baptist State Convention. Once the convention's headquarters was on Shaw's campus. Many of the pastors and religious leaders among Baptist of North Carolina received their training at Shaw. Three of the last four executive secretaries of the GBSC were Shaw-trained.

The end of this project is only the beginning for us as General Baptist. Throughout history persons end prove to be beginnings. John Bunyan penned **Pilgrims Progress** in a prison dungeon. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his historical letter to America from a Birmingham, Alabama jail. Jesus died on Calvary Friday and rose from the grave on Sunday morning. Often our most determined efforts are done after what we perceive as the "end."

Many of our pastors, ministers, churches, and friends made great sacrifices to assist Shaw University in this $1,000,000.00 dollar endowment drive. I want to ask now to BEGIN afresh with support of our General Baptist State Convention objectives: THE END IS THE BEGINNING.

Dr. Craig has reported to me that many of our churches are running behind on their support of the Unified Program. As a pastor I can understand the concerns that you face in the local church situation. The economy, budget restraints, members who are not committed to stewardship, and complacency; however, KINGDOM BUILDING MUST CONTINUE. We need additional State Mission funds immediately. Also our other objectives are running behind: Foreign Mission, Shaw Divinity School, and Central Children's Home.

The officers, members, and friends of First Baptist Church West, Charlotte, North Carolina have rallied and supported me as pastor with a re-dedicated commitment to "Christian Stewardship." For us the end of this project is a beginning. We are going to work until it is night when no person can work again.

The end of our fiscal year is fast approaching. Plans now are being made for the 1989 Annual Session to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 30-November 2. Please send your contributions to Headquarters each month.

The Shaw Endowment Drive has demonstrated to us once again what can be done when we work together in LOVE, UNITY, and FELLOWSHIP. Thank you all very much for the love you have made a decision step toward the future of Shaw University as a viable General Baptist educational institution.

As President of the GBSC, and on behalf of Dr. Craig and the entire staff I want to give God the Glory for making the end of this journey a success. Our prayers were answered once again. THE END IS THE BEGINNING.

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Church Seeks Pastor

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina is currently accepting applications for the position of Senior Pastor. Cornerstone is a well established, thriving church with an emphasis on a comprehensive ministry located in the rapidly growing regional center of Eastern North Carolina.

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

Time For. . .

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Annual Session

Time for our 105 Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention is almost upon us, for we meet July 25-27, 1989, in Charlotte at the Civic Center, with Dr. C.E. Dewberry and Gethsemane as our hosts. However, during July 23 and 24 will be our Pre-Conventional activities: the musical and banquet respectively. Let us pray that we shall; celebrate and deliberate in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Please be reminded that the 1988-budget is $518,000.00 in round figures. Please bring the greatest part balances for each of the objectives during the session: **Foreign Mission**, $4,000.00; **Central Children's Home**, $15,000.00; **Shaw University**, $10,000.00; **Shaw Divinity**, $2,000.00; and **State Mission**, $192,000.00.

All Baptist Picnic — July 15, 1989. The Reverend D.R. Hester is the guest preacher during the 11:00 a.m. worship period. He is the pastor of Marshall Chapel, Jacksonville, North Carolina. However, the schedule is as follows: 9:30-10:30 a.m. arrival and recreation; 10:30 a.m. — ending of recreation and going up to the Chapel for worship; 11:00 a.m. — worship; 12:30 p.m. — lunch on your own; 1:30-5:00 p.m. — Leisure and recreation.

Missions Prayer Day — Your response to the Missions Prayer Day is appreciated. It shows that you are concerned about missions and that you are aware of Him who energizes people for missions. Do continue to be involved in this day and we hope that more will participate next year and make this truly a state-wide event.

National Baptist Convention (USA) Pre-registration — The Woman's Convention Auxiliary and the parent body will convene in New Orleans, Louisiana. If you desire to pre-register, please send to the office of the Woman's Convention to secure the personal enrollment registration card (state president, district president, national officers, etc.) and/or the organization enrollment blank (district, local circle, etc.) as soon as possible. Please return the completed forms and funds to this office by July 16, 1989. Make your check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention. In turn the Woman's Convention will send the funds to the National Woman's Auxiliary.

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Dr. Somerville states that the convention will present representatives from the mission stations of Guyana, Kenya, India, Liberia and Nigeria.

Furthermore, the program committee has selected the theme: A **Christian Perspective Everywhere.** It is urgent that all the Baptists of North Carolina will join in and share the numerous blessings that shall crown our efforts in **Building A Better World Through Christian Missions.**

The Radisson Hotel will be the Convention Headquarters; but, accommodation will be provided by various other hotels.

The opening event will be the Famous Musicale, which will be held on Monday night, August 28, at the Raleigh Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Somerville states, "If you seek to understand the secret of Lott Carey's unique advancement and perspectives, meet us at our 92nd Annual Session, Raleigh Civic Center, August 28-September 1, 1989.



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By The Reverend C.L. Faison
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The Call of the Master

"The Master Is Come, And Calleth For Thee."

St. John 11:28

There are no well understood references to the life of Jesus which would lead us to believe, in any respect, that He was a failure. In every situation of life which Jesus found himself confronted, regardless of the conditions, He proved himself a conqueror and a master. In His wilderness experiences and temptations, though severe they are, He proved himself victorious. On every occasion of life, instead of being mastered by the situations, He mastered the situations.

In the chapter from which the text is taken, we find that Martha recognized Him as her master. "And when she had so said she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, "The master is come and calleth for thee." On this occasion Jesus exercised His power over death and the grave, for He spoke and the dead Lazarus rose.

On another occasion, when a woman who for twelve long weary years had been suffering from a blood issue came to Him, it was only an opportunity for Him to prove He was master of all kinds of divers diseases. He healed the woman, both soul and body; and told her to go in peace and sin no more.

One day when He and his disciples were crossing the sea of Galilee, a mighty storm rose. The thunder roared and the lightning flashed, and the winds blew. At the time when the storm was at its worse Jesus was in the hinder part of the ship asleep; the disciples being fearful lest they should be destroyed, called the Master. Jesus arose, and knowing the power He had over the winds and the waters, spake peace to them. The winds and the waters knowing His voice obeyed His command. He was master over the laws governing the winds and the waters.

In the garden of Gethsemane and on the cross of calvary Jesus proved beyond any doubt that He was master of His own soul and will, and was willing to submit His will to the will of His Father. "Not my will, but thine be done." A master of himself.

He was crucified, dead and buried, nevertheless on the cross and in the grave He was victor; for He was able to snatch victory out of defeat and declare that all power was given to Him in heaven and in earth and things under the earth. "For I am the resurrection and the life." I am master of life and master of death hell and the grave. I am master of the universe.

I. Call for Discipleship

Since Jesus is master He expects men who would be like Him to take up the cross and follow Him. Like any other great leader or general He to is sounding forth proclamations for more and better men to help Him carry forward His mighty work of Kingdom building in the world.

In the year nineteen-hundred and forty an act was passed in the United States Senate and House of Representatives that all men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five, inclusive, must register for selective services in the armed-forces. Sixteen million young men of this great commonwealth answered to that great call of our government. Many of those gave their lives in combat service.

This great proclamation of the United States has no comparison to that great call of the master. Listen to what He says in the Gospel of St. Luke. "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

Jesus calls men and women to take up the cross and follow Him, not into armed forces, but into loving services toward the Father-Hood of God and the brother-hood of mankind. Hence the first call of the Master is a call for men. Of all the many needs of this world, there is no need more essential than that of real men. Men honest in their endeavors, decent in their manners of dealing with their fellow-men and their God. Strong men who have vision and the ability and convictions to forge ahead in the name of God and His kingdom. Men with courage and strength of character.

The highest goal to be attained is to be a man, fully developed physically, morally, intellectually and spiritually, if you please. The demand for such men has been the cry of the ages. In the book of Ezekiel 22:30, we read, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me, for the land that I should not destroy it; but I found none." This search of God for a man proved fruitless. The man to stand in the gap, to make up the hedge could not be found.

In Jeremiah 5:1, we find again God looking for a man. "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth, and I will pardon it." The demand for men has always been excess of the supply. However, if this age and generation are to make the contributions, which God desires them to make, we must have men who are called of the master and willing to meet every qualification which God calls for through His Son Jesus Christ.

II. In the second place, the master calls for the Church to fulfill adequately its mission or function in the world.

"The church may be tentatively defined as the inner-fellowship of the followers of Jesus Christ: "the body of Christ," unified for the purpose of bringing in the Kingdom of God: (1) by witness (2) by worship, (3) by instruction and (4) by supply-motive, inspiration and leadership for individual and social salvation. Here we can readily see that the Church is the greatest institution in the World; and its mission and responsibilities are more deeply rooted and grounded in the work of God than any other institution's work in the world.

It deals with the life and souls of men, raising them up to be good citizens in the Kingdom of God, in whose hearts reign the love of God. Citizens who have the Kingdom of God within them. The salt of the earth. Its purpose is to bring salvation through Jesus Christ.

The Church is, or rather should be a place where men and women come and there stand in the presence of the "Other" who is God, whom they have come to terms with; and while in His presence the Holy Word of the living God is made living and effectual by the Holy Spirit.

A place where the minds and hearts of men are transformed by the renewing of their minds and spirits.

Again the church should be a place where love, both for God and man finds its highest and fullest expression. "Now abideth faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love." For one to be really a Christian he or she must be redeemed into **the spear of being in which love and freedom reign. Hence the Church should be a place where mutual love and trust between persons can be found.**

Morever, the Church should be a place where every sort of barrier is done away with. A place where the poor, the underprivileged, the downtroddened, the outcast, the despised and the rejected find a hearty welcome and are made to feel at home; a meeting ground where all classes of people can assemble on one common level and realize their fellowship with God and their relationships with one another as fellowmen and children of God Almighty.

Not only should the Church be a place where the less fortunate find relief and encouragement, it ought to be a place where the most robust and vigorous may find their individualism and self-will disciplined and tempered, and their purposes purified and strengthened in a common endeavor to do the will of God.

The Church, therefore my friends, has these many duties and responsibilities to perform if it is to carry on in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. The Master has promised to come back to this world for the Church. It is your duty and responsibility, if you please, to help labor and co-labor with God that the Church will be, when He Comes, "with-out a spot or wrinkle." "The Master is come and is calling for thee."

III. Again, the Master calleth for a confused and restless and bewildered world to come unto Him and find rest. My friends, this world in which we live is confused, bewildered, and restless. Men in all walks of life seem not to know where to turn; they are lost in the maze of their own sins and ungodliness. The reckoning time has come for many and they have not made their election and calling sure; hence, all such persons must be "weighed in the balances." However, I am so glad to tell you of a man of Galilee, "who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as man, he humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phillipians 2:5-11.

This man I am talking about is Jesus, the matchless Son of God, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star. He, my friends, is not confused. He is standing with out stretched arms, saying to a dying and perishing world, "Come unto all me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light, and ye shall find rest to your weary souls."

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

STATE MISSION

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	Quota	Amount Paid	Balance
SHADY HILL, ROXBORO,	200.00	0.00	200.00
SHILOH, RUFFIN, A. C. HILL	200.00	190.00	10.00
SWEET GUM, MEBANE, CLARENCE HAIRSTON		75.00	
VANCEVVILLE, VANCEVVILLE, J. C. BROWN	200.00	70.00	130.00
YOUNGS CHAPEL, ROXBORO, CEPHUS LEA	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		5,105.00	
COUNTY LINE, MOSES HARDY, Moderator			
AARON CREEK, OXFORD, MOSES HARDY	200.00	0.00	200.00
BAPTIST GROVE, BULLOCK, W. B. GOOCH	200.00	0.00	200.00
BLUE WING, VIRGILINA, J. E. HALL	200.00	0.00	200.00
DAVID CHAPEL, OXFORD, R. L. JOHNSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, STOVALL, H. L. WILLIAMS	200.00	0.00	200.00
HARDIE GROVE, OXFORD, ARTIS PLUMMER, JR.	200.00	30.00	170.00
HUNTSVILLE, OXFORD, R. N. HOLLOWAY	300.00	0.00	300.00
MICHAEL CREEK, OXFORD, EUGENE FIELDS,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MORNING STAR, OXFORD, W. M. ROBERTS	200.00	0.00	200.00
MOUNTAIN SPRINGS, CREEDMOOR	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW CORITH, OXFORD, J. H. BRYANT	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW GRASSY CREEK, GRANVILLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW JONATHAN CREEK, OXFORD, R. E. PAGE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW LIGHT, OXFORD, H. L. TIMBERLAKE	200.00	0.00	200.00
PENN AVENUE, OXFORD, DAVID L. MASSEY	300.00	205.00	175.00
RALEIGH ROAD, OXFORD, MOSES HARDY	600.00	0.00	600.00
ST. MATTHEWS, OXFROD, MOSES HARDY	600.00	233.40	366.60
VERNON HILL, GRANVILLE CO.	200.00	0.00	200.00
WHITESIDE, OXFORD, S. A. GILCHRIST	800.00	321.88	478.12
WHITE ROCK, OXFORD	200.00	0.00	200.00
WHITE ROCK, GRANVILLE CO.,	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		790.28	
DEEP RIVER, J. L. MORGAN, Moderator			
BLACK RIVER, ANGIER, A. E. MATTHEWS	200.00	0.00	200.00
BUTLER CHAPLE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
EDWARDS GROVE, LIBERTY, JOSEPH A. BRYANT	1,500.00	724.55	775.45
FIRST CALVARY, SANFORD, J. L. MORGAN	3,000.00	813.50	2,186.50
FIRST, PITTSBORO, LARRY SILER	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, CARTHAGE, LINCOLN BLANDING	500.00	71.00	429.00
HARRIS GROVE, SILER CITY, TERRY STREATER	200.00	50.00	150.00
LAMBERT CHAPEL, SILER CITY, W. HARRINGTON	1,500.00	300.00	1,200.00
MT. CALVARY, SANFORD	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. OLIVE, MONCURE, E. W. JOHNSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW BENSALEM, ROBBINS, J. C. PAIGE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW ZION, SANFORD, E. N. HOOKER	600.00	200.00	400.00
OAKLAND, RAMSEUR, L. R. GILMORE	300.00	0.00	300.00
PINEY RIDGE, SANFORD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
RED HILL, CAMERON, E. N. HOOKER	400.00	0.00	400.00
ROBERTS CHAPEL, GOLDSBORO, SAMPSON BUIE, JR.	1,500.00	140.00	1,360.00
ROCKY RIVER, SILER CITY, J. F. WATKINS	500.00	0.00	500.00
ST. JOHN CLIMAX, A. B. BASS	800.00	0.00	800.00
SOLID ROCK, GREENSBORO, LONNIE WALKER	200.00	0.00	200.00
SIXTH AVENUE FIRST, SILER CITY, L. W. LEAKE	1,200.00	151.00	1,049.00
TAYLOR'S CHAPEL, SANFORD	200.00	0.00	200.00
WHITE OAK, LILLINGTON, DAVID JONES	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		2,450.05	
EAST CAROLINA PROGRESSIVE, L. A. DILLAHUNT, Moderator			
FIRST, BELGRADE, CLAUDE CHESTER	300.00	25.00	275.00
PILGRIM CHAPEL, NEW BERN, WILLIAM SINCLAIR	1,200.00	577.50	622.50
STAR OF ZION, NEW BERN, MANNIE COOPER	800.00	0.00	800.00
ST. PAUL, NEW BERN, L. A. DILLAHUNT	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		602.50	
EAST CEDAR GROVE, WILLIAM R. MCNEAL, Moderator			
CALVARY, DURHAM, NATHANIEL WALL	300.00	25.00	275.00
CAMERON GROVE, DURHAM,	300.00	0.00	300.00
CEDAR GROVE, ROXBORO, J. TIMBERLAKE	400.00	0.00	400.00
CLEGGS CHAPEL, ROXBORO, H. THRONTON	300.00	0.00	300.00
EBENEZER, DURHAM, H. L. EDMOND	400.00	0.00	400.00
FIRST CALVARY, DURHAM, PAUL A. JACKSON	200.00	411.50	
GREATER ST. PAUL, DURHAM, W. T. BIGELOW	5,000.00	1,100.00	3,900.00
LATTISVILLE GROVE, MURDLE MILLS, H. MCLVER	300.00	0.00	300.00
LAWSON CHAPEL, ROXBORO	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
LEDGE ROCK, GRANVILLE CO., B. V. ALSTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
LEE'S CHAPEL, CEDAR GROVE, T. E. TAYLOR	600.00	100.00	500.00
MT. BRIGHT, HILLSBOROUGH, W. RICHARDSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. CALVARY, NAHAMA,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. LEVEL, DURHAM, L. D. LYNCH	1,300.00	509.00	791.00
MT. VERNON, CREEDMOOR, W. R. MITCHELL	300.00	76.00	224.00
MT. ZOAR, DURHAM,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, DURHAM, A. H. PARKER	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW HOPE, GRANVILLE CO., H. L. TIMBERLAKE	300.00	184.00	116.00
NEW RED MOUNTAIN, ROUGEMONT,	1,000.00	102.00	898.00
NEW ST. JAMES, TIMBERLAKE, P. M. NELSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAK GROVE, OXFORD, H. T. TIMBERLAKE	200.00	0.00	200.00
OLIVE GROVE, OXFORD, H. T. TIMBERLAKE	200.00	0.00	200.00
ORANGE GROVE, DURHAM, J. DANIELS	500.00	0.00	500.00
PINEY GROVE, CREEDMOOR, H. M. PRICE	800.00	0.00	800.00
ROCK SPRINGS, CREEDMOOR, PAUL ANDERSON	400.00	100.00	300.00
ROGER GROVE, DURHAM, C. W. PETTIFORD	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN, DURHAM, ROBERT DANIELS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
SHADY HILL ROXBORO,	500.00	20.00	480.00
SILOAM, ROUGEMONT, J. C. LIGGINS	200.00	0.00	200.00
SYNAMA, OXFORD, S. A. MANNING	500.00	449.00	51.00
TALLY HO, STEM, M. M. HARVEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
UNION, DURHAM, GRADY DAVIS	5,000.00	202.00	4,798.00
UNION CHAPEL, BUTNER, HAROLD TRICE, SR.	200.00	100.00	100.00
WEST DURHAM, DURHAM, HAROLD COBB, JR.	1,000.00	140.00	860.00
TOTAL		3,318.50	
EAST PAMILCO RIVER, LEROY ADAMS, Moderator			
PHENNELS CHAPEL, BLOUNTS CREEK, CHARLES SMITH	300.00	200.00	100.00
OAK GROVE, AURORA, LEROY ADAMS	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		200.00	
EBENEZER, S. A. RAPER, Moderator			
ANTIOCH, GAFFNEY, JAMES D. PONDER	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
ANTIOCH, SHELBY, J. C. ROBINSON	700.00	0.00	700.00
EARL FIRST, EARL, S. A. MCCLAIN	700.00	450.00	250.00
EBENEZER, KINGS MTN., D. C. WILSON	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
EDWARDS CHAPEL, LAWNDALE, MICHAEL HILL	500.00	0.00	500.00
ESKRIDGE GROVE, SHELBY, C. D. MONTGOMERY	4,000.00	542.73	3,457.27

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FAIRVIEW, CHERRYVILLE, MARVIN CONNELLY	300.00	120.00	180.00
GREEN BETHELEHEM, BOILING SPRGS, K. R. MARTIN, SR.	1,500.00	401.98	1,098.02
HOPEWELL, SHELBY, M. A. FLOYD	1,000.00	600.00	400.00
HOOPERS CHAPEL, SHELBY, J. N. OSBORNE, JR.	400.00	302.62	97.38
LAWNDALE FIRST, LAWNDALE, B. D. HOUZE	5,500.00	1,500.00	4,000.00
LIGHT OAK, SHELBY, JOHNNY C. BROWNER	4,500.00	2,458.54	2,041.46
LONG BRANCH, GROVER, R. D. ABBOTT	300.00	0.00	300.00
MACEDONIA, SHELBY, H. H. SHIPP	700.00	200.00	500.00
MACEDONIA, WACO, J. E. MONTGOMERY	4,000.00	1,410.75	2,589.25
MAPLE SPRINGS, SHELBY, R. L. DOVER	800.00	260.00	540.00
MARDIN CHAPEL, MARDIN, J. T. SCOTT	300.00	0.00	300.00
MOORE'S CHAPEL, CHARLOTTE, R. EARL	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. CALVARY, SHELBY, S. A. RAPER	TITHE	6,540.00	
MT CALVARY, VALE, KENNETH W. RAMSEUR	400.00	93.68	306.32
MT. OLIVE, KINGS MTN., WILLIE MADDOX, SR.	1,800.00	1,095.00	705.00
MT. PISGAH, BESSEMER CITY, C. A. TURNER	3,500.00	1,796.45	1,203.55
MT. PLEASANT, BESSEMER CITY	400.00	0.00	400.00
MT. VIEW, SHELBY, J. A. COMP	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. ZION, KINGS MTN., C. A. FEENSTER	TITHE	4,420.34	
NEW ELLIS, CHAPEL SPRINGS, A. A. PONDER	3,000.00	2,666.50	333.50
NEW HOPE, VALE, B. J. THOMAS	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW ZION, HENRIETTA, L. W. JACKSON	1,600.00	450.00	1,150.00
OLD ELLIS CHAPEL, PATTERSPRINGS,	1,000.00	400.00	700.00
PALMER GROVE, SHELBY, JAMES LOUIS SMITH	5,500.00	5,731.85	0.00
PROVIDENCE, LINCOLNTON, C. E. MORRIS, JR.	2,800.00	750.00	2,050.00
RAMSEUR, SHELBY, PAUL RAMSEUR	800.00	387.11	412.89
ST. JAMES, BESSEMER CITY, EUGENE EARLY	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
ST. PETER'S GROVER, WILLIAM THOMPSON	1,800.00	490.00	1,310.00
SECOND, LINCOLNTON, R. D. DAVIS	400.00	0.00	400.00
SHADY GROVE, KINGS MTN., EDDIE L. PONDER	1,800.00	843.32	956.68
SHILOH, SHELBY, R. E. DEVOE	3,500.00	1,110.00	2,390.00
SHOAL CREEK, SHELBY, J. H. GRANT	4,500.00	3,115.00	1,385.00
WALL MEMORIAL, SHELBY,	300.00	0.00	300.00
WASHINGTON, SHELBY, H. L. RHEDRICK	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
ZION HILL, CHERRYVILLE, FRANK BULLOCK	200.00	190.00	10.00
TOTAL		39,125.87	
GASTON COUNTY, THEODORE ARMSTRONG, Moderator			
CENTER, GASTONIA, DAVID JOHNSON	600.00	0.00	600.00
EMMANUEL, GASTONIA, S. H. BARBER, JR.	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
FANCY HILL, DALLAS, JOHN SHERRILL	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
FIRST ANTIOCH, GASTONIA, M. O. GARDIN	400.00	0.00	400.00
FIRST, DALLAS, R. M. RAMSEY	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
FRIDAY MEMORIAL, DALLAS, W. E. GARRISON	1,000.00	197.95	804.05
FRIENDSHIP, GASTONIA,	4,500.00	40.00	4,460.00
GOLD HILL, RUTHERFORDTON, J. E. FLOYD	300.00	0.00	300.00
GREATER MR, HEBRON, GASTONIA, WILBUR HINES	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
GREATER MT. ZION, GASTONIA, G. R. LOWERY	400.00	0.00	400.00
LOVELY HILL, GASTONIA, A. D. DAVIS	400.00	0.00	400.00
MT. MORIAH, BELMONT, R. E. ALEXANDER	400.00	0.00	400.00
MT. PISGAH, GASTOINA, J. SETZER	400.00	0.00	400.00
MT. PLEASANT, BELMONT, E. F. WHITE	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
MT. SINAI, MT. HOLLY, TOMMY MCCRAY	400.00	210.00	190.00
MACEDONIA, MT. HOLLY, I. G. JOHNSON	500.00	305.00	195.00
NEW HIGH SPRINGS, GASTONIA, J. A. SANDERS	400.00	0.00	400.00
NEW HOPE, STANLEY, B. J. THOMAS	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN, GASTONIA, JOHNNY THOMPSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. PAUL, GASTONIA, JOHN H. WHITE	3,000.00	884.00	2,116.00
ST. PETERS, GASTONIA, J. E. FLOYD	200.00	0.00	200.00
TABERNACLE, GASTONIA, V. M. WORTHY	2,500.00	1,400.00	600.00
TOTAL		3,916.95	
GOLD HILL LEWIS A MILLS, Moderator			
GOLD HILL, RUTHERFORDTON, L. A. MILLS	400.00	150.00	250.00
GREEN CREEK, TRYON, WALLACE H. GAFFNEY	700.00	440.00	260.00
HAYMES CREEK, CLIFFSIDE, E. D. BRANTLEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
JERUSALEM, FOREST CITY, ELWOOD ROBERTS	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. NEBO, LAKE LURE, NORMAN KERRY, JR.	500.00	0.00	500.00
NEW VERNON, BASTIC, EDDIE JOHNSON III	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAK GROVE, SPINDALE, J. A. BARR, JR.	400.00	0.00	400.00
UNION GROVE, COLUMBUS, J. GRAY SHERMAN	300.00	0.00	300.00
WEBB FIRST, ELLENBORO, R. L. CARSON	500.00	160.00	340.00
WHEATS CREEK, RUTHERFORDTON, S. E. WILKINS	300.00	175.00	125.00
TOTAL		925.00	
GUIDING LIGHT, D. S. HOUSTON, Moderator			
BETHEL, KANNAPOLIS,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, SALISBURY, D. S. HORTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		0.00	
GUILFORD, C. D. CURTIS, Moderator			
ANTIOCH, WINSTON SALEM, R. C. WILKINS	300.00	0.00	300.00
BETHLEHEM, WINSTON SALEM, E. L. CLARKS, SR.	800.00	0.00	800.00
CEDAR GROVE, GREENSBORO, JOHN SETTLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
EAST WHITE OAK, GREENSBORO, G. P. ALLEN	2,000.00	2,240.00	
ELM GROVE, REIDSVILLE, CLARENCE JOHNSON	2,000.00	377.00	1,623.00
ELON FIRST, ELON	200.00	0.00	200.00
FAIR GROVE, SUMMERFIELD	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST UNITED, HIGH POINT,	200.00	0.00	200.00
FOSTER GROVE, JAMESTOWN, B. D. CURTIS	500.00	300.00	100.00
FRIENDSHIP, HIGH POINT, J. W. FLAKE	1,500.00	600.00	900.00
LOCUST GROVE, BROW SUMMIT, RICHARD THOMAS	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. GLORY, WINSTON SALEM, J. B. MORRISON	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, GREENSBORO, G. W. BROOKS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
NEW HOPE, GREENSBORO, W. M. RICHMOND	600.00	100.00	500.00
NEW LIGHT, GREENSBORO, CARDES H. BROWN, JR.	3,000.00	25.00	2,975.00
NEW TRINITY, WINSTON SALEM, J. F. GRANT	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW ZION, GREENSBORO, W. F. WRIGHT, JR.	400.00	0.00	400.00
ROCK HILL, BELOWS CREEK, J. F. LINVILLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
SECOND CALVARY, WINSTON SALEM, D. S. STOWE	500.00	0.00	500.00
WHITE OAK GROVE, GREENSBORO, A. E. GROVER	300.00	0.00	300.00
WHITE ROCK, WINSTON SALEM, J. S. MICKENS	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		3,642.00	
HAMMOND CREEK, WILLIAM B. JONES, Moderator			
BALDWIN BRANCH, ELIZABETHTOWN, B. L. SMITH	300.00	140.00	160.00
FIRST, ELIZABETHTOWN, S. E. FLOWERS	400.00	300.00	100.00
FIRST, ABBOTTSBURG,	200.00	0.00	200.00
JERUSALEM, COUNCIL, C. T. BOWEN	200.00	100.00	100.00
KITCHEN BRANCH, COUNCIL, JERRY GANUS	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE, CLARKTON,	200.00	0.00	200.00
PILGRIM HILL, CLARKTON, P. R. GERALD	200.00	0.00	200.00
PINEY GROVE, COUNCIL, B. L. SMITH	200.00	0.00	200.00
PLEASANT HILL, CLARKTON, C. T. BOWEN	300.00	70.00	230.00

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	Quota	Amount Paid	Balance
PLEASANT UNION, REIGELWOOD, A. N. MURPHY	600.00	790.00	0.00
SANDHILL, BLADENBORO, J. L. SMITH	200.00	0.00	200.00
WHITE CREEK, CLARKTON, J. R. GODFREY	500.00	76.00	424.00
TOTAL		1,476.00	
HIGH POINT, W. L. WILSON, Moderator			
FIRST CALVARY, WINSTON SALEM, W. L. WILSON	800.00	0.00	800.00
FIRST, GLEN RIVER,	300.00	0.00	300.00
GLEN RAVEN FIRST, GLEN RAVEN, RONNIE MCLAUGHLIN	300.00	182.00	118.00
GETHSEMANE, GREENSBORO, J. W. REED	2,000.00	1,700.00	300.00
JONES CHAPEL, REIDSVILLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
MARTIN'S CHAPEL, MEBANE, RONALD BROOKS	400.00	0.00	400.00
MORNING STAR, WINSTON SALEM,	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
NEW JERUSALEM, WINSTON SALEM,	300.00	100.00	200.00
OAK RIDGE FIRST, OAK RIDGE, J. A. WEBSTER	400.00	300.00	100.00
ST. JAMES, GREENSBORO, P. E. GRAVES	1,500.00	150.00	1,350.00
SOLID ROCK, WINSTON SALEM,	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		2,432.00	
NYDE COUNTY, HENDERSON HARRIS, Moderator			
FAITHFUL HANNAH, ENGELHARD, ED ALEXANDER	200.00	77.76	122.24
FIRST TERRA, CEIRA, ED ALEXANDER	200.00	0.00	200.00
JOBS CHAPEL, SWAN QUARTERS, J. C. CHANCE, JR.	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. PILGRIM, ENGLEHARD, J. C. CHANCE, JR.	200.00	128.00	85.00
MT. SINAI, ENGELHARD, C. R. ANTHONY	200.00	102.37	97.63
OLD RICHMOND, SWAN QUARTER, J. N. HARVEY	200.00	25.00	175.00
PLEASANT GROVE, ENGELHARD, C. R. ANTHONY	200.00	217.88	
ST. JOHN CHAPEL, SCRANTON, DENNIS DAVIS	300.00	76.69	223.31
ST. MILLER, BELHAVEN, HENDERSON HARRIS	200.00	79.18	120.82
TOTAL		706.88	
JOHNSTON DISTRICT, WILLIAM LUCAS, Moderator			
FIRST, SELMA, LACY E. SIMPSON	600.00	0.00	600.00
FIRST, CLAYTON, L. E. SIMPSON	800.00	0.00	800.00
FIRST, BENSON,	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, SMITHFIELD, JOHN FLEMING	1,500.00	500.04	999.96
FIRST, WILSON MILLS, E. T. ALLEN, JR.	400.00	0.00	400.00
GALILEE, SMITHFIELD, W. N. LUCAS	200.00	134.00	66.00
GOOD SAMARITAN, GARNER, L. C. PENNY	600.00	397.00	203.00
GREEN HILL, SMITHFIELD, JAMES A BELL	400.00	68.00	332.00
HALIFAX, RALEIGH, J. VINCENT TERRY	1,000.00	260.00	740.00
HOLLY SPRINGS, HOLLY SPRINGS, OTIS BYRD	400.00	0.00	400.00
JOHNSTON PINEY GROVE, CLAYTON, J. RODGERS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
LEES CROSSROAD, RALEIGH, LEROY SPELLS	200.00	70.00	130.00
MITCHNER MEMORIAL, SMITHFIELD, NATHANIEL MITCHELL	300.00	140.37	159.63
NEW BETHEL, CLAYTON,	400.00	0.00	400.00
NEW TRINITY, CLAYTON, LUTHER COPPEDGE	500.00	389.00	111.00
NEW VESTER, SIMS, S. L. BALLENTINE	400.00	291.79	108.21
OAKEY GROVE, CLAYTON, ROGER BRODIE	300.00	100.00	200.00
ST. AMANDA, GARNER, G. B. BARNES	300.00	0.00	300.00
SWADERS GROVE, SMITHFIELD, W. B. JOHNSON	300.00	10.00	290.00
SOUTHERN GROVE, KENLY,	200.00	0.00	200.00
SPRING HILL, ZEBULON, E. J. NEAL	200.00	0.00	200.00
STRICKLAND GROVE, FOUR OAKS, W. N. LUCAS	200.00	118.97	81.03
SYLVIA CHAPEL, MIDDLESEX, E. J. NEAL	200.00	0.00	200.00
UNION, RALEIGH, LEONARD WILLIAMS	400.00	0.00	400.00
WATTS CHAPEL,RALEIGH, F. B. WEAVER	5,000.00	170.00	4,830.00
WHITE OAK HILL, SMITHFIELD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		2,649.17	
KENANSVILLE EASTERN, JOHN D. MORRISEY, Moderator			
BYRD'S CHAPEL, ROSE HILL, R. BEATTY	200.00	0.00	200.00
CENTRAL, WILMINGTON, OTIS E, PELHAM	2,500.00	100.00	2,400.00
EASTERN CHAPEL, GOLDSBORO, DAVID HOWELL	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, CALYSO, JESSIE WILLIAMS	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, CHINQUAPIN, JAMES ISAAC, III	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
FIRST, ROWDEN, W. E. MARTIN	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, SCOTT HILLS, EDMOND T. COSTEN	200.00	200.00	
FIRST, WARSAW, E. K. BEST	500.00	420.00	80.00
FIRST, MAGNOLIA,	400.00	0.00	400.00
FIRST, WILMINGTON, J. Z. WINDLEY	2,500.00	770.00	1,730.00
FRIENDSHIP, ROCKY POINT, J. D. MORRISEY	300.00	20.00	280.00
GREATER SIX RUN, TURKEY, LESLIE MORRISEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
HALLS CHAPEL, BURGAW	200.00	0.00	200.00
HALLSVILLE, BEULAHVILLE, W. A. RICH	200.00	0.00	200.00
HILLS CHAPEL, FAISON, R. W. LOWE	200.00	500.00	
KENANSVILLE FIRST, KENANSVILLE, DAVID HAMMOND	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. GILEAD, MT. OLIVE, C. W. WRIGHT	800.00	600.00	200.00
MT. RONEY, WILMINGTON, JOSEPH TAYLOR	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW FIRST, KENANSVILLE, WILLIAM J. MOORE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE, WILMINGTON, W. D. WALKER	200.00	0.00	200.00
PETER'S TABERNACLE, WALLACE, LEWIS WRIGHT	300.00	150.00	150.00
ROSEVILLE, WILLARD, LEONARD FAISON	1,000.00	640.00	360.00
ST. LUKE, MT. OLIVE, F. L. DAVIS	600.00	25.00	575.00
SMILOH, WILLIAMSTON, E. T. COLSTEN	200.00	0.00	200.00
UNION CHAPEL, BURGAW, ALTON MURPHY	600.00	10.00	590.00
WEST HILL STREET, WARSAW,	300.00	0.00	300.00
WILLARD CHAPEL, WILLARD, J. D. MORRISEY	200.00	0.00	200.00
WILSON CHAPEL, TURKEY, ISAAC JOHNSON	300.00	300.00	
TOTAL		3,735.00	
LANE CREEK, L. D. PARKER, Moderator			
ANTIOCH, CHARLOTTE, PRESTON PENDERGRASS	5,000.00	2,010.00	2,990.00
BELMONT, MONROE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
BETHANY, CHARLOTTE, J. E. HINSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
CORINTHIAN, MONROE, T. H. SCOTT	200.00	0.00	200.00
ELIZABETH, MARSHVILLE, H. L. NICHOLSON	1,000.00	726.01	273.99
FIRST, KANNAPOLIS, P. C. HOLLAND	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
GRACE MEMORIAL, CHARLOTTE, J. W. DAVIS	500.00	225.00	275.00
LIBERTY HILL, WAXHAW, DAVID COOK, JR.	1,400.00	1,000.00	400.00
MT. MORIAH, MARSHVILLE, J. N. COBLE	1,000.00	90.00	910.00
MT. MT. NEBO, WAXHAW, ELDER BRUCE, JR.	400.00	50.00	350.00
MT. PISGAH, WAXHAW, W. T. RICHARDSON	3,000.00	1,165.00	1,835.00
MACEDONIA WEST, MIDLAND, N. L.NICHOLSON	400.00	275.00	125.00
OAK GROVE, HARRISBURG, N. E. JOHNSON	500.00	306.00	194.00
PINEY GROVE, MARSHVILLE,	5,000.00	2,024.64	2,975.36
RED BRANCH, MINT HILL, WINFORD GALMON	400.00	175.00	225.00
ROCKY RIDGE, CONCORD, E. R. KIRKPATRICK	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. DAVIE, WINGATE, J. B. CROWDER	1,500.00	540.00	960.00
ST. LUKE, CHARLOTTE, L. D. PARKER	3,000.00	601.00	2,399.00
WATTS GROVE, MONROE, W. L. ROBINSON	300.00	300.00	
WILLOW GROVE, CONCORD, DANIEL E. JOSPEN	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		10,687.65	

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LUMBER RIVER, E. B. TURNER, Moderator			
AARON SWAMP, FAYETTEVILLE, W. E. STUBBS	200.00	0.00	200.00
ANTIOCH, PROCTORVILLE, THEODORE BREEDEN	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
BRYAN SWAMP, BLADENBORO, C. JOHNSON	1,000.00	51.00	949.00
CEDAR GROVE, ST. PAULS, J. R. RAYE, JR.	200.00	0.00	200.00
CEDAR GROVE, WHITEVILLE, RONNIE FORD	600.00	242.83	357.17
EBENEZER, MARIETTA, W. WORLY	300.00	100.00	200.00
FIRST, BLADENBORO, A. C. JONES	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, FAIRMONT, J. J. JOHNSON	5,000.00	375.00	4,625.00
FIRST, LUMBERTON, E. B. TURNER	4,900.00	428.00	4,472.00
FIRST, TABOR, ARTHUR GERALD	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, CHADBORUN	200.00	0.00	200.00
GREENVILLE, LUMBERTON, THOMAS SOUTHERLAND	400.00	0.00	400.00
HESTER CHAPEL, LUMBERTON, WALTER BROWN	200.00	0.00	200.00
NILLY BRANCH, LUMBERTON, J. M. DURHAM	200.00	50.00	150.00
NOLY SWAMP, LUMBERTON, CARNELL HALL	200.00	0.00	200.00
HORACE GROVE, EVERGREEN, J. R. LEACH	200.00	576.17	
MT. MORIAH, CHADBURN, S. STANLEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. TABOR, CERRO GORDO, DANIEL LEE	300.00	0.00	300.00
MILL BRANCH, FAIRMONT, MARVIN FORD	300.00	220.00	80.00
NEW BETHEL, LUMBERTON, J. L. STEPHEN, SR.	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE, FAIRMONT, R. J. EDWARDS	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAK GROVE, FAIRMONT,	300.00	0.00	300.00
PINEY GROVE, EVERGREEN, KENNETH FORD	200.00	174.00	26.00
PLEASANT MEADOWS, LUMBERTON, W. D. HOLMES	400.00	0.00	400.00
ROCK HILL, FAIRMONT, KENNETH BUTLER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ROUND BRACH, BLADENBORO, G. E. PIERCE	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. MARY'S, CHADBOURN, DAVID LEE	200.00	0.00	200.00
SNADY GROVE, LUMBERTON, SIDNEY LOCKS	1,000.00	138.00	862.00
STAR OF BETHLEHEM, FAIRMONT, W. C. MARABLE	500.00	226.00	274.00
THOMPSON CHAPEL, LUMBERTON, DONALD WHITE	200.00	63.00	137.00
TOTAL		2,644.00	
MECKLENBURG-GENERAL, CLIFFORD A. JONES, Moderator			
BIBLE, CHARLOTTE, I. MILLEDGE	200.00	0.00	200.00
CHAPPELL MEMORIAL, CHARLOTTE, W. MITCHELL	500.00	0.00	500.00
COTINTHIAN, CHARLOTTE, J. H. SCOTT	300.00	0.00	300.00
EBENEZER, CHARLOTTE, A. B. SUTTON	3,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
FIRST, MT. ZION, CHARLOTTE, C. V. OWENS	2,000.00	150.00	1,850.00
FIRST, (WEST), CHARLOTTE, J. B. HUMPHREY	TITHE	9,798.90	
FIRST MAYFIELD, CHARLOTTE, C. M. SANDERS	300.00	0.00	300.00
FRIENDSHIP, CHARLOTTE, CLIFFORD A. JONES	TITHE	7,805.00	
GALILEE, CHARLOTTE, FRED A. GRIFFIN	300.00	100.00	200.00
GRACE MEMORIAL, CHARLOTTE, JOHN DAVIS	200.00	0.00	200.00
GREATER MT. SINAI, CHARLOTTE, GEORGE COOK, JR.	2,500.00	1,600.00	900.00
GREATER PROVIDENCE, CHARLOTTE, FRED GIBSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
GREEN OAK, CHARLOTTE, JAMES E. THOMAS	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. CARMEL, MT. CARMEL, CHARLOTTE, L. C. REDDICK	TITHE	5,000.00	
MACEDONIA, CONCORD, SAMPSON LONG, JR.	800.00	150.00	650.00
MACEDONIA, CHARLOTTE, L. J. WALLACE	800.00	0.00	400.00
NEW ST. JOHN, NOWELL, R.N. LAKE	300.00	0.00	300.00
OAK GROVE, PINEVILLE, MACK L. MCRAE	300.00	0.00	300.00
REEDERS MEMORIAL, CHARLOTTE, R. W. DALTON	600.00	0.00	600.00
ROSE HILL, CHARLOTTE, J. W. WALLACE, SR.	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
SECOND CALVARY, CHARLOTTE, CHIFFIE THOMLIN	2,000.00	340.00	1,660.00
SILVER MOUNT, CHARLOTTE, WILLIAM LEE, JR.	2,500.00	652.00	1,848.00
SWEET HOME, CHARLOTTE, LONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.	200.00	50.00	150.00
TEMPLE CHRIST, CHARLOTTE, MARSHALL HILL	200.00	0.00	200.00
TRINITY PARK, CHARLOTTE, ROBERT MILLER	400.00	100.00	300.00
UNION, CHARLOTTE, L. D. JEFFERIES	300.00	100.00	200.00
TOTAL		26,335.90	
MIDDLE BAPTIST, JOHN G. MCKNIGHT, Moderator			
ALLEN CHAPEL, LOUISBURG, C. L. DUNSTON	1,000.00	112.00	888.00
BIG RUN CREEK, HENDERSON, C. B. WALTON	1,000.00	940.00	60.00
CONCORD, KITTRELL, S. E. BLALOCK	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
DAVIS CHAPEL, HENDERSON, J. C. HARRIS	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, LOUISBURG, W. D. JOHNSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
FLAT CREEK, HENDERSON, SIDNEY E. DUNSOTN	300.00	70.00	230.00
GETHSEMANE, BUNN, C. H. COBBS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
HAWKINS CHAPEL, FRANKLINTON, W. S. TAYLOR	600.00	312.50	287.50
MANASSEH, FRANKLINTON, O. H. BRODIE,SR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
NELSON CHAPEL, LOUISBURG, E. L. BRODIE	1,800.00	810.00	990.00
NEW BETHEL, HENDERSON, J. H. BRYANT	500.00	100.00	400.00
NUTBUSH, HENDERSON, J. J. HICKS	0.00	0.00	0.00
OAK GROVE, PINEVILLE, M. L. MCRAE	0.00	100.00	
RED BUD, HENDERSON, J. E. HALL	1,200.00	291.43	908.57
SNADY GROVE, LOUISBURG,	200.00	0.00	200.00
SMILOH, KITTRELL, A. BERNARD MIRRISON	800.00	550.00	250.00
SNOW HILL, IVANHOE, E. M. WILLIAMS	200.00	150.00	50.00
SPRING STREET, HENDERSON, R. M. BURNETT	400.00	100.00	300.00
SOUTH MAIN STREET, LOUISBURG, J. G. MCKNIGHT	1,000.00	70.00	930.00
TABERNACLE, HENDERSON, MURRAY FLEMING	200.00	35.00	165.00
TIMBERLAKE GROVE, LOUISBURG,	0.00	0.00	0.00
WELCOME, HENDERSON, C. H. COBB	200.00	10.00	190.00
TOTAL		3,650.93	
MIDDLE DISTRICT, B. L. RICH, Moderator			
ADORAM, WALLACE, S. A. RICHARDSON	1,800.00	832.00	968.00
ANDREWS CHAPEL, CLINTON, C. N. REDDRICK	1,000.00	597.00	403.00
BETHLEHEM, WINNABOW, ANDREW CARR, SR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, WILMINGTON, E. D. STEVENSON	200.00	15.00	185.00
CHRISTIAN CHURCH	0.00	10.00	
CRYSTAL SPRINGS, LELAND, E. H. STEVENSON	200.00	20.00	180.00
EBENEZER, WILMINGTON, KEITH B. WILEY	5,000.00	1,774.50	3,225.50
ENOCH CHAPEL, WILMINGTON, R. R. JONES	200.00	70.00	130.00
FALLING RUN, FAYETEVILLE, T. W. CAMPBELL	3,500.00	3,344.48	0.00
FIFTH ARMOUR, R. F. PETERSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, ROSE HILL, W. K. RAYNOR	500.00	983.31	
FIRST, KENANSVILLE, C. W. WRIGHT	400.00	0.00	400.00
FIRST, CHARITY	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, STEDMAN, JOHN HESTER	800.00	0.00	800.00
FIRST, TEACHEY, JAMES FORTE	400.00	0.00	400.00
GARLAND FIRST, GARLAND, SAMUEL MCDONALD	1,000.00	100.00	900.00
GRAHAM CHAPEL, LELAND	175.00	0.00	175.00
HAWES CHAPEL, ATKINSON, CARROLL MIDGETTE	500.00	70.00	430.00
LAKES CHAPEL, ATKINSON, C. W. PATE	400.00	464.25	
LEE'S CHAPEL, MAPLE HILL, C. P. HOUZE	200.00	0.00	200.00
LITTLE ZION, YOUNGSVILLE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. CALVARY, WILMINGTON, C. N. REDDICK	1,800.00	1,005.00	790.00
MT. PILGRAIM, WILMINGTON, J. C. PRIDGEN	200.00	100.00	100.00
MT. REMA, ROCKY MOUNT	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, REIGELWOOD, F. N. EVANS	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, ROSE HILL,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MACEDONIA, WILMINGTON, TERRY L. HENRY	500.00	400.00	100.00
MAHALLOW, HAMPSTEAD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, ROSE HILL, CORNOLIUS MOORE	1,800.00	653.00	1,147.00

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NEWKIRK CHAPEL, WALLACE, E. L. BATTS	300.00	0.00	300.00
PILGRIM REST, WILMINGTON, IRVIN PELHAM	400.00	100.00	300.00
PIKE CHAPEL, BURGAW, W. A. RICKS	300.00	50.00	250.00
PLEASANT HILL, KELLY	300.00	0.00	300.00
PROVIDENCE, LELAND, HORACE WILLIAMS	300.00	25.00	275.00
ROYAL CHAPEL, IVANHOE, R. W. LOWE	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN, MAPEL HILL, C. W. PATE	400.00	0.00	400.00
ST. JOHN, BOLIVIA.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
ST. JOHN #3, BOLTON	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. LOUIS, CHINKAPIN, ROBERT F. PETERSON	500.00	381.20	118.80
ST. MARY, WINNABOW, RAYMOND SMITH	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. MATTHEWS, ROCKY POINT.	200.00	0.00	200.00
SECOND, FAYETTEVILLE, I. E. SWANN	1,000.00	230.00	770.00
SHILOH, WILMINGTON, W PRINCE VAUGHN	3,000.00	1,020.00	1,980.00
SHOULDERS BRANCH, CASTLE HAYNES, LEO STEVENSON	400.00	107.00	293.00
SPRING GREEN, RIEGELWOOD, ROBERT FOGG	300.00	40.00	260.00
UNION HILL, AUTRYVILLE, CARROLL MIDGETT	600.00	70.00	530.00
UNION, WILMINGTON, J. H. NIXON	200.00	0.00	200.00
WARD CHAPEL, WILMINGTON	200.00	150.00	50.00
TOTAL		13,237.04	

MIDDLE GROUND. WALTER CHERRY, JR., Moderator

ANTIOCH, EVERETTE, MILTON STATON	200.00	30.00	170.00
BARNABAS CHAPEL, WILLIAMSTON, FRANK HYMAN	300.00	300.00	
BELMONT, ROBERSONVILLE, M. A. REDDICK	200.00	75.00	125.00
CEDAR HILL, WILLIAMSTON,	0.00	500.00	
CHAPEL HILL, WILLIAMSTON, T. R. VINES	200.00	46.00	154.00
CHIRST TEMPLE, ROBERSONVILLE, M. A. REDDICK	200.00	100.00	100.00
CONETOE, TARBORO, T. R. VINES	500.00	160.00	340.00
CONTUCK, CURRIE, J. P. HOUSE	300.00	322.60	
LILLY OF THE VALLEY, EVERETTE, RONNIE STATON	500.00	70.00	430.00
LILLY OF THE VALLEY, PLYMOUTH, HERMAN YOUNG	0.00	200.00	
LONG RIDGE, PLYMOUTH, HERMAN YOUNG	500.00	250.00	250.00
MACEDONIA, WILLIAMSTON, FREDDIE HYMAN	500.00	200.00	300.00
MAYO CHAPEL, TARBORO, WALTER CHERRY	500.00	219.06	280.94
OLIVE BRANCH# PARMELE, JOHN WILLIAMS	200.00	75.00	125.00
PINES CHAPEL, PINETOPS, BUTLER MCKINNON	1,800.00	607.95	1,192.05
POPULAR POINT, WILLIAMSTON, BRADY CARMACK	300.00	225.00	75.00
REID'S CHAPEL, FOUNTAIN, JOHNNIE ADKINS	200.00	60.00	140.00
ROCK HILL, WILLIAMSTON, ELIJAH CRANDOL	200.00	75.00	125.00
ROBERSON, ROBERSONVILLE, J. C. BROWN	200.00	350.00	
ST. JOHN. STOKES, M. A. REDDICK	200.00	127.65	72.35
ST. MARK, WHITAKERS, C. H. MILLER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. MATTHEWS, ROCKY POINT, WALTER CHERRY	200.00	100.00	100.00
ST. PAULS, OAK CITY. G. L. HARRIS	400.00	200.00	200.00
SALEM CHAPEL, TARBORO, HUE WALSTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
SANDY POINT, WILLIAMSTON, JOSEPH ROBINSON	200.00	35.00	165.00
SECOND ZION. PLYMOUTH, W. V. PRICHETT	200.00	425.00	(200.00)
SYCAMORE CHAPEL, HAMILTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
WEEPING MARY, HASSEL, WALTER HINES	300.00	150.00	150.00
WILLOW CHAPEL, ROBERSONVILLE, WALTER HINES	500.00	431.37	68.63
WYNN CHAPEL, ROBERSONVILLE, G. I. HARRIS	600.00	327.43	272.57
TOTAL		5,651.46	

MOUNT PEACE. A. G. COLEY, Moderator

CHAPEL HILL, HUNTERVILLE, CHARLES M. GRAY	1,000.00	520.64	479.36
FAITH MEMORIAL, CHARLOTTE, W. H. CALDWELL, SR.	2,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
FIRST MT. CALVARY, CHARLOTTE, JAMES HAWTHKUNE	2,000.00	956.90	1,043.10
GETHSEMANE, CHARLOTTE, C. E. DEWBERRY	3,000.00	935.00	2,065.00
GETMSEMANE, DAVIDSON. C. MORRIS, SR.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
MT. CALVARY, LOWELL, R. L. GINGLES	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. OLIVE, HUNTERSVILLE,	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. VERNON, IRON STATION, WADE WALLACE	300.00	175.00	125.00
MAYFIELD MEMORIAL, CHARLOTTE, M., S. DIGGS	4,000.00	90.00	3,910.00
NAZARETH PRIMITIVE, CHARLOTTE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW BETHLEHEM, CHARLOTTE, P. J. BRADLEY	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE, CHARLOTTE.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
NEW PLEASANT HILL, CHARLOTTE, J., A. CUTHBERTSON	4,000.00	2,800.00	1,200.00
NEW PLEASANT VALLEY, CHARLOTTE, C. BRICE	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW PROVIDENCE, MT. HOLLY, B. L. BROOKS	500.00	0.00	500.00
NEW ZION, CHARLOTTE, JEREMIAH ROBINSON	0.00	660.00	
ST. MARK, CHARLOTTE, A. G. COLEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. PAUL, CHARLOTTE, PAUL DRUMMOND	TITHE	6,100.00	
ST. PAUL COMMUNITY, CHARLOTTE, LEWIS P. MOORE	2,000.00	700.00	1,300.00
ST. PHILLIP, HUNTERSVILLE, LEROY HENDERSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
SALEM, CHARLOTTE, A. J. WRIGHT	2,000.00	525.00	1,475.00
SHILOH INSTITUTIONAL, CHARLOTTE,	400.00	0.00	400.00
TABERNACLE, CHARLOTTE,	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
TEMPEL CHAPEL, CHARLOTTE, G. E. GILMOR	500.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL		14,462.58	

MOUNTAIN & CATAWBA, E. B. WILKERSON, Moderator

ANTIOCH, CLEVELAND, JOHN PARSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
CHAMBERS CHAPEL, GLEN ALPINE, ED PARSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
CHESTNUT GROVE, STATESVILLE, C. J. FERGSUON	2,500.00	700.00	1,800.00
CLARKS CHAPEL, STATESVILLE, C. B. MINGO	400.00	0.00	400.00
COMMUNITY, MAIDEN, C. R. VINSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
DAVIDSONVILLE, STATESVILLE, E. T. LEE	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, HARMONY, W. J. LEGRANT	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
FRIENDSHIP, HICKORY, E. B. WILKERSON	400.00	1,090.00	
JONES CHAPEL, MOORESVILLE, M. E. WALKER	300.00	140.00	160.00
KNOX GROVE, STATESVILLE, E. L. COLEMAN	200.00	0.00	200.00
LIBERTY HILL, CLAREMONT, E. B. WILKERSON	600.00	0.00	600.00
LOVELADY, LENIOR, W. L. CONNOR	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. CARMEL, TAYLORSVILLE, W. A. WESTFIELD	1,000.00	224.00	776.00
MT. MORIAH, MARION, J. E. WILLIAMS	800.00	155.00	645.00
MT. SINAI, CATAWBA, DONALD GRAY	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. PILGRIM, LENIOR,	1,000.00	391.73	608.27
MT. ZION, HICKORY, ALFRED WRIGHT)	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. ZION, VLADESE, E. C. MILLSAPS	300.00	22.00	160.00
MORNING STAR FIRST, HICKORY, W. E. LYTLE	3,000.00	1,050.00	1,950.00
MOORE'S CHAPEL, LINCOLNTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW BETHEL, MORGANTON, E. R. MILLSAPS	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW LIGHT, LENIOR, JERRY L. REID	200.00	6.00	194.00
NEW PROSPECT, SMERILLS FORD,	1,800.00	850.00	950.00
NEW ZION,TAYKORSVILLE, RICKY HAYES	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JAMES FIRST, TROUTMAN, LEROY WILSON	900.00	180.00	720.00
ST. JOHN #2, STATESVILLE, JOHN D. MCDONALD	2,000.00	100.00	1,900.00
THIRD CREEK, STONY POINT, J. H. THOMAS	2,000.00	350.00	1,650.00
UNIVERSITY PARK, CHARLOTTE, J. E. PALMER	5,000.00	1,100.00	3,900.00
TOTAL		6,358.73	

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MUD CREEK, MILOUS AVERY, Moderator			
BETHEL "A", BREVARD, F. H. GOLDSMITH	1,000.00	300.00	700.00
BETHEL, BEVARD, J. B. ADAMS	300.00	0.00	300.00
BLUE RIDGE, HENDERSONVILLE, T. R. PEA, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
CATAWBA VIEW, OLD FORTE, J. H. SULLIVAN	400.00	0.00	400.00
FAIRMONT, ASHEVILLE, J. E. ROBERTS	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST NAZARETH, ASHEVILLE, C. R. MOSLEY	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
GLADE CREEK, PISGAH FOREST, U. C. WYNN	300.00	300.00	0.00
GREATER NEW ZION, FLETCHER, L. C. RAY	1,200.00	500.00	700.00
H. B. FERGUSON, ASHEVILLE,	300.00	200.00	100.00
HILL STREET, ASHEVILLE, H. M. AVERY	4,000.00	200.00	3,800.00
MT. CARMEL, ARDEN, J. H. SULLIVAN	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. OLIVE, MARS HILL, DONALD LYTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, ASHEVILLE,	2,500.00	2,200.00	300.00
MILLS CHAPEL, BLACK MTN., SAMUEL MARTIN	2,000.00	480.00	1,520.00
NEW BETHEL, ASHEVILLE, A. L. SMITH	500.00	0.00	500.00
NEW MT. OLIVE, O. T. TOMES	2,500.00	3,770.54	
NEW SALEM, SWANNANOA,	400.00	425.00	
PINE GROVE, ASHEVILE, DONALD LYTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
POWDERS CHAPEL, ASHEVIILE. J. WALTER HILL	200.00	0.00	200.00
STAR OF BETHLEHEM, HENDERSONVILLE, C. E. ROWE	300.00	250.00	50.00
ST. JOHN "A", ASHEVILLE, J. H. SULLIVAN	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. PAUL, ASHEVILLE, ROY YOUNG	200.00	0.00	200.00
TABERNACLE, ASHEVILLE, C. JOHNSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
TRIED STONE, ASHEVILLE, B. F. BREWER	200.00	0.00	200.00
UNION GROVE, HENDERSONVILLE, O. E. OWENS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
WORLDWIDE TABERNACLE, ASHEVILLE, WESLEY GRANT	800.00	125.00	675.00
TOTAL		8,750.54	

NEUSE RIVER, G. A. GILCHRIST, Moderator

ALLEN GROVE, HALIFAX, J. E. BARHAM	300.00	274.46	25.54
ANTIOCH, SCOTLAND NECK	300.00	0.00	300.00
BETHLEHEM, SEABOARD, EDWARD FLEMING	1,000.00	612.00	388.00
CARTERS CHAPEL, ROANOKE RAPIDS	200.00	0.00	200.00
CASTALIA, CASTALIA, L. EDWARDS	300.00	174.00	126.00
CEDAR GROVE, HENRICO, F. C. MITCHELL	300.00	134.46	165.54
CEDAR GROVE, ROCKY MOUNT, J. O. THRONE	300.00	0.00	300.00
CHAPEL GROVE, GRAYSBURG, ROBERT RICKS	600.00	1,014.76	
CHERRY'S CHAPEL, ELM CITY, J. N. HUNTER	200.00	0.00	200.00
COAL SPRINGS, GRAYSBURG,	400.00	0.00	400.00
CROWELL'S, HALIFAX	300.00	0.00	300.00
DANIEL'S CHAPEL, ENFIELD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
EAST END, ROCKY MOUNT, J. H. STATON	200.00	0.00	200.00
EASTERN STAR, TARBORO, R. E. JOYNER	2,500.00	1,233.03	1,266.70
EBENEZER, ROCKY MOUNT, T. L. WALKER	2,500.00	1,242.00	1,258.00
FIRST, BATTLEBORO, N. M. JOHNSON	600.00	325.00	275.00
FIRST, ENFILED, LONNIE BRASWELL	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, HALIFAX, JOSPEH GREENE	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, ROANOKE RAPIDS, P. H. KIDD	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, WELDON, JOHN B. MOORE	3,500.00	974.76	2,525.24
FIRST CALVARY, ROCKY MOUNT, W. R. BURSTON		300.00	
FOSTER MEMORIAL, ROCKY MOUNT, JEREMIAH WEBB	600.00	404.00	196.00
FRIENDSHIP, ROCKY MOUNT, D. D. WILLIAMS	300.00	200.00	100.00
GALILEE, TILLERY, J. E. CLEMENTS	300.00	150.00	150.00
HARTS CHAPEL, TARBORO.	300.00	539.27	
HICKORY VIEW, ROCKY MIOUNT, LONNIE BRASWELL	1,500.00	1,171.52	328.48
IVORY HILL, ENFIELD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
LEGGETT CHAPLE, LEGGETT, WILLIE TAYLOR, JR.	1,000.00	606.33	393.67
LITTLE ZION, HALIFAX, WILLIE M. GREEN	200.00	0.00	200.00
LONDON, ROANOKE RAPIDS, G. A. GILCHRIST	400.00	150.00	250.00
MT. CALVARY, ENFIELD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. CARMEL, ROCKY MOUNT, W. E. BATTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. OLIVE, ROCKY MOUNT, G. E. BATTLE	1,500.00	568.99	931.01
MT. ZION, SEABOARD,	400.00	100.00	300.00
MARKS CHAPEL, ROCKY MOUNT,	200.00	0.00	200.00
METROPOLITAN, ROCKY MOUNT, J. E. ARNETTE	TITHE	4,385.04	
MORNING STAR, BATTLEBORO, T. R. VINES	200.00	0.00	200.00
MORNING STAR, PINETOPS, ERNEST BATTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW BETHEL, SAMUEL MCCLAIN, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW HOPE, BATTLEBORO, WILTON BYRD	500.00	0.00	500.00
NORTH END, ROCKY MOUNT, ELBERT LEE	2,000.00	419.00	1,581.00
OAK GROVE, GRAYSBURG, G. A. SMITH	600.00	632.56	0.00
OLIVE CHAPEL, ENFIELDSBURG, LONNIE M. ELLIS	200.00	35.00	165.00
PINEY GROVE, HALIFAX, C. E. MCCULLOM	200.00	622.91	
PLEASANT HILL, SCOTLAND NECK, C. WHITAKER	200.00	0.00	200.00
PLEASANT HILL, ENFIELD, R. L. KNIGHT	200.00	0.00	200.00
QUANKEY, ROANOKE RAPIDS, R. H. KIDD	1,000.00	562.74	437.26
RED HILL, WHITAKER, GENE MURPHY	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
RIGHTEOUS GROVE, ENFIELD, WILLIE M. GREEN	600.00	277.17	322.83
ROANOKE CHAPEL, JACKSON, C. C. LAWRENCE	1,200.00	750.00	450.00
ROANOKE SALEM, GRAYSBURG, EDWARD L. FLEMING	300.00	- 920.00	380.00
ST. JAMES, ROCKY MOUNT, CHARLES T. BULLOCK	TITHE	4,034.00	
ST. PAUL, ROCKY MOUNT. VAN BATTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. PETER, WELDON, G. A. GILCHRIST	200.00	150.00	50.00
ST. STEPHEN, TARBORO, ROBERT C. FARMER	300.00	175.00	125.00
SALEM CHAPEL, TARBORO, JOHNNY JOHNSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
SHILOH, HOLLISTER,	200.00	0.00	200.00
SHILOH, ROCKY MOUNT, R. L. BATTLE	1,000.00	828.11	171.89
SHILOH, SCOTLAND NECK, RAYMON WALDEN	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
SHILOH, WHITAKERS, J. W. ELLIS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
SIMMONS GROVE, ROANOKE RAPIDS, G. E. BATTLE	800.00	646.47	153.53
THRONE'S CHAPEL, ROCKY MOUNT, RICHARD BATTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
TILLERY CHAPEL, TILLERY, E. L. FLEMING	200.00	20.00	180.00
TWILIGHT, ROANOKE RAPIDS, G. A. GILCHRIST,	400.00	375.80	24.20
WALNUT GROVE, ROANOKE RAPIDS, G. E. BATTLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
WASHINGTON BRANCH, MACCLESFIELD, J. BRASWELL	400.00	0.00	400.00
ZION HILL. LITTLETON, C. H. WHITAKER	500.00	145.41	354.59
TOTAL		26,253.79	

NEW BERN EASTERN. W. L. GRIFFIN, Moderator

BETHEL, EDWARD, CLEVIE BRYANT	400.00	404.69	
BETHEL, W. MERRITT, W. L. GRIFFIN	300.00	50.00	250.00
CLAY BOTTOM, CHOCOWINITY, LEROY ADAMS	300.00	27.31	272.49
FIRST, NEW BERN,	200.00	0.00	200.00
GREEN HILL, BAYBORO, GEORGE DAWSON	300.00	250.00	50.00
MT. OLIVE, BAYBORO, W. C. HORTON	1,500.00	747.80	752.20
MT. PILGRIM, BAYBORO, CLEVE BRYANT	200.00	50.00	150.00
MT. PILGRIM, NEW PORT, J. A. JONES	0.00	20.00	
MT. SHILOH, AURORA, RUDALPH MOORE	400.00	299.48	100.52
MT. SINAI, JAMES CITY, CLAUDE CHESTER	300.00	50.00	250.00
MT. SINAI, STONEWALL, MALLEY	300.00	130.00	170.00
MT. ZION, ARAPAHOE, J. B. CRANDOL	300.00	150.00	150.00
MAPLE GROVE, CHOCOWINITY, LEROY ADAMS,	300.00	79.00	221.00
MEMORIAL, NEW BERN, W. L. GRIFFIN	300.00	50.00	250.00
PILGRIM, ORIENTAL, DENNIS WALSTON	500.00	55.00	445.00
QUEEN STREET, BEAUFORT, W. V. PRITCHETT	200.00	15.00	185.00
OAKEY GROVE, NEW BERN, E. L. BATTS		140.00	
ST. ANNA, BLOUNTS CREEK, L. R. BRODIE	300.00	100.00	200.00

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ST. AMITOCH, HAVELOCK, BILLY SMITH	200.00	65.00	135.00
ST. FRANCIS, BLOUNTS CREEK, A. J. WHITE	300.00	100.00	200.00
ST. GALILEE, BAYBORO,	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. HOOKER, AURORA, J. H. PARKER	200.00	20.00	180.00
ST. JOHN, AURORA, WILLIE LANGLEY	300.00	126.90	173.10
ST. LUKE, MOREHEAD CITY, MAURICE LEWIS	500.00	350.00	150.00
ST. LUKE, EDWARDS, J. H. PARKER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. MONICA, GRIMESLAND, A. J. WHITE	300.00	173.15	126.85
ST. PETER'S, AURORA, A. J. WHITE	500.00	398.28	101.72
ST. PETER'S, VANDEMERE, F. L. HYMAN	500.00	390.00	110.00
ST. STEPHENS, AURORA, J. A. GIBBS	200.00	30.65	169.35
ST. STEPHEN, ORIENTAL, DAVID BERLEY	300.00	327.00	00.00
WEST BRANCH, BAYBORO,	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		4,599.46	

NEW COVENANT, M. M. MCMILLIAN, Moderator

COX GROVE, CRUMPLER, M. M. MCMILLIAN	300.00	0.00	300.00
MACEDONIA, SPARTA, E. R. YOUNG	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW COVENANT, IVANHOE, M. M. MCMILLIAN	300.00	0.00	300.00
PLEASANT GROVE, FLEETWOOD, M. M. MCMILLAN	300.00	0.00	300.00
PLEASANT HILL, LAUREL SPRINGS, CURTIS WOLFE	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		0.00	

NEW ERA, H. D. JONES, Moderator

BUTLER BRANCH, FAIR BLUFF, C. L. MEATRITE	200.00	110.00	90.00
CENTER, BLANDENBORO, V. R. CHERRY	200.00	30.00	170.00
CHERRY GROVE, WHITEVILLE, HENRY JONES, JR.	200.00	120.00	80.00
FIRST, TABOR CITY, BILLY SCOTT	300.00	75.00	225.00
IRON HILL, TABOR CITY	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. OLIVE, WHITEVILLE, G. H. BUCK	400.00	40.00	360.00
ST. JOHN, CHADBOURNE, RAYMOND SMITH	200.00	71.00	129.00
SHADY GROVE, FAIR BLUFF, C. A. LEACH	300.00	30.00	270.00
TOTAL		476.00	

NEW HOME & DURHAM, G. I. ALLISON, Moderator

GLEN GROVE, ROUGEMONT, T. C. NICHOLSON	200.00	100.00	100.00
JONES GROVE, HILLSBOROUGH, T. C. NICHOLSON	300.00	110.00	190.00
LAKEVIEW, DURHAM, A. WRIGHT	300.00	0.00	300.00
LIPSCOMB GROVE, DURHAM, I. E. TAYLOR	300.00	50.00	250.00
MT. BRIGHT, HILLSBOROUGH, G. I. ALLISON	500.00	484.50	15.50
ORANGE CROSS ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH, C. MILLER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JAMES, DURHAM, LUTHER K. BROOKS	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		744.50	

NEW HOPE, M. V. INGRAM, Moderator

APEX FIRST, APEX, J. E. PERKINS	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
BARBEE'S CHAPEL, CHAPEL HILL, L. GENE HATLEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
BAZZELL CREEK, FUQUAY VARINA, NORMAN T. DAVIS	3,000.00	1,394.50	1,605.50
COMMUNITY, DURHAM, PERCY CHASE	1,000.00	910.00	90.00
EBENEZER, DURHAM, HENRY EDMOND		102.50	
FIRST, NEW HILL,	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, CHAPEL HILL, J. R. MANLEY	5,000.00	340.00	4,660.00
HAW RIVER, PITTSBORO, RICHARD D. JAMES	1,800.00	1,062.00	738.00
HICKORY GROVE, CARRBORO, J. R. MANLEY	500.00	0.00	500.00
LILLINGTON FIRST, LILLINGTON, D. B. PENNY	500.00	75.00	425.00
LINCOLN MEMORIAL, DURHAM, ARTHUR CLEMONS	800.00	150.00	650.00
MT. GILEAD, DURHAM, L. E. DAVIS	3,000.00	740.00	2,260.00
MT. SINAI, DURHAM, RICKY WOODS	400.00	0.00	400.00
MT. VERNON, DURHAM, PERCY HIGH	TITHE	9,274.56	
MT. ZION, CHAPEL HILL, LARRY JONES	3,000.00	1,466.12	1,533.88
MARKHAM CHAPEL, DURHAM, R. S. MCMILLIAN	200.00	0.00	200.00
MEBANE FIRST, MEBANE, J. E. DAVIS	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
MOREHEAD, DURHAM, B. A. MACK	1,000.00	686.00	314.00
NEW BETHEL, DURHAM, L. W. REID	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
NEW HILL, NEW HILL, TERRY THOMAS	500.00	0.00	500.00
NEW HOPE, APEX, M. V. INGRAM	1,500.00	648.00	852.00
NORTH EAST, DURHAM, J. J. WILKINS, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
OAK GROVE, APEX, W. Y. DAVIS	200.00	0.00	200.00
PEACE, DURHAM, W. E. DAVE	3,000.00	2,270.00	730.00
PILGRIM CHAPEL, DURHAM,	200.00	0.00	200.00
PINEY GROVE, DURHAM, R. L. JOY, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
SECOND, CHAPEL HILL, K. A. CAMPBELL	300.00	0.00	300.00
SHILOH, MORRISVILLE, JOHNNY LEAKE	2,000.00	100.00	1,900.00
TERRELL'S CREEK, CHAPEL HILL, T. J. FOSTER	200.00	0.00	200.00
WHITE OAK, APEX, C. R. TYNER	3,000.00	391.00	2,609.00
WHITE ROCK, DURHAM, L. A. LYNCH	6,000.00	379.21	5,620.79
TOTAL		19,988.89	

NORTHAMPTON, D. L. MORRIS, Moderator

AMITOCH, JACKSON, R. L. KNIGHT	300.00	115.36	184.64
BRANCHE'S CHAPEL, RICH SQUARE, JEREMIAH WEBB	300.00	100.00	200.00
CHAPEL HILL, RICH SQUARE, J. R. WIGGINS	300.00	0.00	300.00
CREEKSIDE SECOND, CONWAY, FRANK LEE	300.00	200.00	100.00
CUMBO CHAPEL, RICH SQUARE, D. L. MORRIS	800.00	284.30	515.70
FIRST, CONWAY, F. BATTLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, RICH SQUARE, W. C. CLARK	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, SEVERN, E. C. WATSON	400.00	0.00	400.00
FAITHFUL BAND, PLEASANT HILL, W. R. BURSTON	500.00	600.00	
JERUSALEM, WOODLAND, W. R. ASHE	600.00	0.00	600.00
MERO, MURFREESBORO, CHARLES GRAY	800.00	200.00	600.00
NELSON, MURFREESBORO, C. M. CREECY	300.00	0.00	300.00
PATILLO, HENRICO, EDWARD FLEMING	600.00	298.49	301.51
POTECASI, POTECASI, S. W. EDWARDS	1,000.00	10.00	990.00
REVELLE HILL, CONWAY, L. J. MORRIS	1,000.00	250.00	750.00
ZOAR, RICH SQUARE, C. M. CREECY	500.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL		2,058.15	

OCEAN VIEW, FREEMAN GAUSE, Moderator

CEDAR GROVE, SUPPLY, FREEMAN GAUSE	TITHE	11.00	
FRIENDSHIP, SOUTHPORT, CHARLES JACOBS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
HICKORY GROVE, FAIR BLUFF, RUFUS DAVIS	200.00	0.00	200.00
LITTLE MACEDONIA, SUPPLY	500.00	0.00	500.00
LITTLE PRONG, ASH,	500.00	0.00	500.00
NEW MT. ZION, WHITEVILLE, HERMAN STEVENSON		200.00	
PLEASANT HILL, SHALLOTTE, JAMES SMITH	500.00	550.00	
ST. JAMES, BOLIVIA	200.00	0.00	200.00
UNION, TABOR CITY, JULIUS FRANK	200.00	0.00	200.00
ZION PLAIN, WAKIMA, JOHN KEEL	800.00	0.00	800.00
TOTAL		761.00	

OLD EASTERN, C. B. GRAY, Moderator	Quota	Amount Paid	Balance
ANDERSON CHAPEL, PINETOPS, WALTER CHERRY	200.00	169.37	30.63
ANTIOCH, SCOTLAWT NECK, F. W. DAVIS	200.00	0.00	200.00
BATTS CHAPEL, TARBORO,	300.00	0.00	300.00
CEDAR GROVE, GREENVILLE, T. L. FARMER	300.00	- 192.95	107.05
CHERRY HILL, TARBORO, JESSE WILLAIMS	300.00	0.00	300.00
CORNERSTONE, WILLIAMSTON, J. H. JOHNSON	500.00	0.00	500.00
CORNERSTONE, GREENVILLE, ARLEE GRIFFIN	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
CRAVEN CORNER, HAVELOCK, J. E. VANCE	1,200.00	598.68	601.32
DAVIS CHAPEL, WASHINGTON, C. B. GRAY	600.00	470.00	130.00
FIRST, NEW BERN, C. M. DICKENS	300.00	70.00	230.00
FREE UNION, LAWRENCE, F. H. LEATHER	300.00	0.00	300.00
GREEN CHAPEL, HAVELOCK, J. R. SMITH	300.00	0.00	300.00
GUILFORD, NEW BERN, A. J. MOORE	300.00	0.00	300.00
HAYNES CHAPEL, GREENVILLE, E. J. B. CRANDOL	400.00	525.00	
JAMES MT. PILGRIM, HOBGOOD, C. H. BROWN, SR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
KENUKIE, SCOTLAND NECK, WILLIE TAYLOR	800.00	253.61	546.39
MT. CALVARY, NEW BERN, C. D. BELL	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
MT. GETHSEMANE, ROBERSONVILLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. OLIVE, AYDEN, ARTHUR KING	200.00	70.00	130.00
MT. SHILOH, WILLIAMSTON, K. R. HAMMOND	800.00	832.94	0.00
MT. TABOR, BEAUFORT, W. V. PRITCHETT	800.00	533.09	266.91
MT. ZION, BEAUFORT, J. A. MOORE, JR.	6,000.00	1,994.44	4,005.56
MACEDOINA, FARMVILLE, E. F. JONES	1,300.00	633.47	866.53
MACEDONIA, TARBORO, J. H. WILLIAMS	300.00	0.00	300.00
MARY'S CHAPEL, SCOTLAND NECK, ROBERT L. KNIGHT	400.00	300.00	100.00
MILDRED CHAPEL, TARBORO, WALTER CHERRY, JR.	400.00	125.00	275.00
MOORE'S CHAPEL, BONNERTON, J. B. CRANDOL	400.00	150.00	250.00
PHILLIPS, SIMPSON, A. C. BATCHELOR	400.00	370.00	30.00
PROVIDENCE, ROBERSONVILLE, W. T. TAYLOR	400.00	200.00	200.00
REDDICK CHAPEL, BETHEL, J. L. FARMER	300.00	0.00	300.00
ROANOKE ZION, PALMYRA, W. E. BATTLE	200.00	0.00	200.00
RIO GRANDE, NEW BERN	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JAMES TEMPLE, TARBORO, CORNELL JOYNER	800.00	332.35	467.65
ST JOHN, FALKLAND, CLIFTON MURRAY	1,000.00	643.17	356.83
ST. JOHN, CRANON, H. FRAZIER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. MARY, COVE CITY, JETHRO STYRON, SR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. MARY, GREENVILLE, F. R. PETERSON	1,000.00	692.39	307.61
ST. PAUL, TARBORO, ELBERT HEATH	400.00	0.00	400.00
SPRING GARDEN, WASHINGTON, E. R. MCNAIR	500.00	0.00	500.00
SYCAMORE HILL, GREENVILLE, HOWARD PARKER	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
TRUMPH, WASHINGTON, C. B. GRAY	1,000.00	1,250.00	0.00
UNION, TARBORO, VERNON BRYANT	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
WARE CREEK, BLOUNTS CREEK, GEORGE SMITH	400.00	341.53	58.47
WEEPING MARY, TARBORO, G. A. SMITH	400.00	135.75	264.25
WHITE'S CHAPEL, SPEED, ROBERT RICKS	500.00	500.00	
WHITE OAK, GRIMESLAND, ALBERT RODGERS	800.00	442.06	357.94
TOTAL		11,825.80	

PEE DEE, J. H. FERGUSON, Moderator

BETHLEHEM, LAURINBURG,	800.00	225.00	575.00
BRIGHT HOPEWELL, LAURINBURG, ARTHUR BYRD	700.00	0.00	700.00
CENTER GROVE, RED SPRINGS, T. M. MCDONALD	400.00	0.00	400.00
COVINGTON, TH	800.00	0.00	800.00
EBENEZER, ROCKINGHAM, H. MCLAURIN	200.00	0.00	200.00
FAITH, SOUTHERN PINES,	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, SOUTHERN PINES, W. J. HAIRE	1,200.00	1,811.82	0.00
FRIENDSHIP, HAMLET, J. M. FERGUSON	400.00	190.00	210.00
GALILEE, PINEHURST, THURMAN DAVIS	300.00	- 170.00	130.00
HENRY GROVE, MOVERN, W. L. MCCOY	200.00	0.00	200.00
HOLLY GROVE, ROCKINGHAM, M. ISAAC	200.00	462.00	
LIVINGSTION CHAPEL, ROCKINGHAM, J. J. COVINGTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
LOVELY HILL, ROCKINGHAM, R. T. INGRAM	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, CANDOR, FRANK BUTLER	200.00	0.00	200.00
NASHVILLE, LAURINBURG, M. WORLEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW HOPE, HAMLET, W. H. GATEWOOD	600.00	325.00	275.00
PLEASANT GROVE, MT. GILEAD, A. L. EVANS	200.00	170.07	29.93
POPLAR SPRINGS, MT. GILEAD, T. M. MCDONALD	300.00	0.00	300.00
POPLAR SPRINGS, ROCKINGHAM, J. H. FERGUSON	1,500.00	380.00	1,120.00
PROVIDENCE, ROCKINGHAM, R. T. GILCHRIST	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
ROCK HILL, ROCKINGHAM, GEROGE THOMAS	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN, ABERDEEN, J. L. GILCHRIST	800.00	102.00	698.00
ST. LUKE, LAURINBURG, DONALD R. JENKINS	200.00	100.00	100.00
ST. STEPHEN, ROCKINGHAM, W. M. GRAY	200.00	0.00	200.00
SANDY GROVE, MAXTON, R. F. WOOTEN	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
SANDY GROVE, ROCKINGHAM, R. JENNINGS	200.00	0.00	200.00
SHILOH, MAXTON, W. H. E. EDWARDS	2,000.00	436.00	1,564.00
SPRING BRANCH, WAGRAM, JOHN DANIELS	1,000.00	305.00	695.00
STAR OF BETHLEHEM, LAURINBURG, J. C. MCLEAN	800.00	712.00	88.00
UNION, HAMLET, HOWARD MCLAURIN	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		5,388.89	

PEE DEE UNION, C. A. LEWIS, Moderator

BELFORD, JACKSON SPRINGS, H. C. MILLER	300.00	300.00	
CEDAR GROVE, RED SPRINGS, C. A. LEWIS	0.00	90.00	
CHAPPEL GROVE, ELLERBE, C. A. LEWIS	300.00	35.00	265.00
MECHANIC, ASHEBORO, C. JOHNSON	200.00	50.00	150.00
PLEASANT GROVE, MT. GILEAD,	0.00	86.04	
PLEASANT UNION,	0.00	56.85	
PROVIDENCE, MT. GILEAD, R. J. INGRAM	200.00	453.00	
SARON, ELLERBE, G. T. THOMAS	200.00	200.00	
THOMAS CHAPEL, MT. GILEAD, E. L. LINDSEY	200.00	0.00	200.00
WALLS CHAPEL, MT. GILEAD, R. WALL	200.00	118.00	82.00
TOTAL		1,388.89	

PROGRESSIVE TAR RIVER, J. O. THRONE

CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR, ROCKY MT,	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, ENFIELD, L. M. BRASWELL	800.00	470.30	329.70
GREATER HOPE, HERMAN,	300.00	0.00	300.00
HILLSDALE, ROCKY MOUNT,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, ROCKY MOUTN,	500.00	0.00	500.00
MORNING STAR, PINETOPS, ERNEST BATTLE	1,000.00	717.61	282.39
TOTAL		1,187.91	

REEDY CREEK, G. E. BATTLE, Moderator

ASHELY GROVE, VAUGHANN W. WELCH	200.00	0.00	200.00
BETHLEHEM, MORLINA	200.00	0.00	200.00
BROWN CHAPEL, BUNN	200.00	0.00	200.00
BUNN CHAPEL, LOUISBURG, SAMUEL TUNSTALL	300.00	447.08	
CEDAR ROCK, SPRING HOPE, W. H. BURGESS	200.00	0.00	200.00
CHAPEL HILL, WARRENTON, J. E. HALL	200.00	0.00	200.00
ENON, LITTLETON, FRED THROPE	300.00	249.00	131.00
GETHSEMANE, BUNN	200.00	0.00	200.00

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GREATER LOVELY HILL, MACON, WALLACE LEWIS	800.00	366.91	433.09
IVORY HILL, ENFIELD, J. J. COPELAND, JR.	300.00	225.00	75.00
LEE'S CHAPEL, LITTLETON,	500.00	456.82	43.18
LOCUST GROVE, WISE, WILLIAM E. RUFFIN	200.00	235.00	
MT. MORIAH, LOUISBURG, F. M. STRICKLAND	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. OLIVE, LITTLETON, TIMOTHY EDWARDS	200.00	200.00	
MT. VERNON, NASHVILLE, L. EDWARDS	400.00	149.06	250.94
MT. ZION, WARRENTON, J. B. WILSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW BETHEL, MACON	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAK GROVE, LITTLETON, C. E. MCCOLLUM	500.00	20.00	480.00
ODELL, LITTLETON, CHARLIE BARNES	200.00	206.76	
PINE CHAPEL, HOLLISTER, KERMIT RICHARDSON	1,500.00	932.47	567.53
PINEY GROVE, LITTLETON	200.00	0.00	200.00
PLEASANT GROVE, HOLLISTER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ROANOKE CHAPEL, LITTLETON, J. L. FARMER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. LUKE'S, LITTLETON, WILL C. TABRON	300.00	225.00	75.00
ST. PAUL, WARRENTON, W. E. EVANS	300.00	262.53	37.47
ST STEPHENS, INEZ. DENNIS M. HAMPTON	0.00	176.85	
ST. ZION, WARRENTON, J. B. WILSON	200.00	50.00	150.00
SHILOH, WARENTON, WILL C. TABRON	300.00	210.00	90.00
SNOW HILL, WARRENTON, A. F. HORTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
SOCIAL UNION, NASHVILLE, L. H. MONGAGUE	300.00	541.70	0.00
SOUTH STREET, LITTLETON, G. E. BATTLE	300.00	337.77	0.00
SWIFT CREEK, WHITAKERS	200.00	0.00	200.00
UNION HILL, NASHVILLE, LESTER HALL	300.00	200.00	100.00
WALNUT GROVE, LOUISBURG, THES. GRAHAM	500.00	480.00	20.00
TOTAL		5,971.95	
RISING STAR, JOHN G. GASTON, Moderator			
BOXWOOD, MOCKSVILLE, J. E. CHAMBERS	300.00	200.00	300.00
BROWN NEW CALVARY, THOMASVILLE, L. TURNER	600.00	0.00	600.00
EMMANUEL, THOMASVILLE, S. MCLENDON	800.00	100.00	700.00
FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, SALISBURY, R. N. LOCKHART	300.00	34.00	266.00
FIRST, SOUTHMONT, JOHN G. GASTON	200.00	286.80	
OLD SHAM GROVE VIEW, LINWOOD	0.00	50.00	
SHILOH, ALEXMARLE, W. C. WILKERSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN. WINSTON SALEM, W. M. ADAMS	200.00	0.00	200.00
UNION, THOMASVILLE, EDDIE L. WHITE	300.00	270.00	30.00
TOTAL		940.80	
ROANOKE, J. E. GRIFFIN, Moderator			
ALLIGATOR CHAPEL, COLUMBIA,	200.00	0.00	200.00
BAGLEY CHAPEL, HERTFORD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
BLANCHARD GROVE, HOBBSVILLE, C. N. MOORE	200.00	0.00	200.00
CHAPEL HILL, COLUMBIA, J. H. RODGERS	800.00	0.00	800.00
CHRISTIAN HOME, MOYOCK	200.00	0.00	200.00
CORINTH, JARRISBURG	200.00	0.00	200.00
CORNERSTONA, ELIZABETH CITY, J. E. TROUTMAN	200.00	0.00	200.00
ELLIS TEMPLE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, GATES, H. C. SAUNDERS	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, HERTFORD, J. H. LONDON	800.00	100.00	700.00
FIRST, RODUCO,	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST ZION, PLYMOUTH, HOYT HAMMOND	300.00	0.00	300.00
GALATIA, HERTFORD, GEORGE HARPER	200.00	0.00	200.00
GREATER WELCHES CHAPEL, TYNER	200.00	0.00	200.00
HAVEN CREEK, MANTEO, A. M. WINSLOW	400.00	0.00	400.00
JOPPA, HOBBSVILLE, C. N. MOORE	200.00	0.00	200.00
LAMB GROVE, OSCAR BUTTS	300.00	0.00	300.00
LEBONON GROVE, GATESVILLE, C. A. HART	400.00	34.00	366.00
MELTON, HERTFORD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MEMORIAL, ELIZABETH CITY, J. L. DUNSTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. CARMEL, ELIZABETH CITY, DAVID WHITE	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. EPPEW, ROPER, D. W. LAMB	400.00	0.00	400.00
MT. PLEASANT. COLUMBIA, A. M. WINSLOW	600.00	0.00	600.00
NEW BETHEL, HERTFORD, S. L. LAWRENCE	400.00	0.00	400.00
NEW CHAPEL, PLYMOUTH, A. ROBINSON, JR.	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE. GATESVILLE	1,000.00	957.80	42.20
NEW MIDDLE SWAMP. COMPEAKE, A. J. CHERRY	1,800.00	1,626.23	173.77
NEW OAK GROVE, ELIZABETH CITY	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW PINEY GROVE, GATES. RICHARD SMALLWOOD	300.00	40.00	260.00
NEW PROVIDENCE, SHAWBORO, J. FENNER, SR.	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW SALEM, ELIZABETH CITY, W. B. MOORE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW SAWYERS CREEK, CAMDEN, J. M. ETHERIDGE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW SHILOH, SHILOH, W. T. DAVIS	300.00	203.00	97.00
OLIVE BRANCH. ELIZABETH CITY, D. STEELE	400.00	0.00	400.00
PHILADELPHIA, SHILOH, WADE STATEN	300.00	0.00	300.00
PLEASANT GROVE, BELHAVEN, L. W. CHASE, JR.	200.00	32.80	167.20
POOL'S GROVE, HERTFORD, J. T. WILLS	500.00	0.00	500.00
PROVIDENCE, EDENTON. JASPER E. HORNE	600.00	100.00	500.00
RIDDICK GROVE, HERTFORD. W. A. MOORE	300.00	0.00	300.00
RYAN'S GROVE, EDENTON. CALVIN WHEDBEE	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHNS, COLUMBIA, GEORGE SMITH	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. JOHN. CRESWELL. D. W. LAMB	1,000.00	100.00	900.00
ST. JOHN, EDENTON. ELIJAH HORTON	300.00	312.19	0.00
ST. PAUL, SUNBURY, C. N. MOORE	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. REDDICK. BELHAVEN, D. W. HARRIS	300.00	517.25	
UNIOIN BRANCH, CORAPEAKE,	300.00	0.00	300.00
UNION CHAPEL, ELIZABETH CITY,	200.00	0.00	200.00
WARREN GROVE, EDENTON,	800.00	500.00	300.00
ZION TABERNACLE, COMPEAKE, R. M. WATSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		4,523.27	
ROWAN, J. RAY BUTLER, Moderator			
ANDERSON GROVE, GREENSBORO, RONNIE MIDDLEBROOKS	200.00	300.00	
ANTIOCH, GRANITE QUARRY, RUFUS WYATT	300.00	0.00	300.00
BETHLEHEM, WINSTON SALEM, E. L. CLARK	800.00	0.00	800.00
BEULAH, MADISON, CHARLES CARTER	500.00	0.00	500.00
BUNCOMB, LEXINGTON, K. J. MARTIN	200.00	0.00	200.00
CALVARY, HIGH POINT, WALLACE V. POWELL	400.00	421.00	
CEDAR GROVE, MOCKSVILLE, KOP GOODWIN	300.00	300.00	200.00
CLARKS CHAPEL, STATESVILLE, C. B. MINGO	200.00	0.00	200.00
DREAMLAND PARK, WINSTON SALEM, DONALD FISHER	400.00	200.00	200.00
EBENEZER, GREENSBORO, W. L. GLODNEY	800.00	1,192.00	
EMMANUEL, WINSTON SALEM, JOHN MENDEZ	5,000.00	174.00	4,826.00
EMMANUEL, THOMASVILLE, SAMUEL MELANDS	200.00	0.00	200.00
EXODUS UNITED. WINSTON SALEM.	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, BADIN, W. L. DUKE	1,000.00	300.00	700.00
FIRST, BURLINGTON, R. W. DTYLES	1,000.00	84.00	916.00
FIRST, CONCORD, C. L. PHELPS	800.00	270.00	530.00
FIRST, GRAHAM . W. R. FOREST	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, HIGH POINT, F. L. ANDREWS	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, REIDSVILLE, O'KELLY LAWSON	3,000.00	148.00	2,852.00
FIRST, STATESVILLE, J. C. HARRIS	2,000.00	73.00	1,927.00
FIRST, THOMASVILLE, W. E. BANKS	500.00	0.00	500.00
FIRST, WINSTON SALEM. W. A. JOHNSON	TITHE	5,902.50	
FIRST CALVARY, SALISBURY, LEAMON E. BROWN	4,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
FIRST EMMANUEL, HIGH POINT, L. CURTIS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
FILES CHAPEL, WINSTON SALEM,	200.00	0.00	200.00
FRIENDSHIP, LEXINGTON, S. E. TYNDHLL	5,000.00	1,310.00	3,690.00
GALILEE, WINSTON SALE, W. C. HAY	4,500.00	2,188.00	2,312.00
GETHSEMANE, SALISBURY, J. L. STOWE	1,000.00	34.00	966.00
GOODWILL, MADISON, P. W. MITTMAN	300.00	550.00	
JERUSALEM, EAST SPENCER, EDDIE D. SCOTT	300.00	400.00	
MT. CARMEL, WINSTON SALEM, H. L. MOORE	1,000.00	62.50	937.50
MT. OLIVE, WINSTON SALEM, CHARLES GRAY	200.00	5.00	195.00
MT. PISGAH. BESSEMER CITY, C. A. TURNER	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. PLEASANT, WINSTON SALEM, DOUGLAS SUMMERS	2,500.00	1,900.00	600.00
MT. SINAI, EDEN, ALLAHDUS WRIGHT	2,500.00	510.00	1,990.00
MT. VERNON, HIGH POINT, F. O. BASS.JR	2,500.00	550.00	1,950.00
MT. ZION, ALBERMARLE, J. C. ROBINSON	2,000.00	795.00	1,205.00
MT. ZION, GREENSBORO,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, HIGH POINT,	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. ZION, SALISBURY, S. R. JOHNSON	2,000.00	650.00	1,350.00
MT. ZION, WINSTON SALEM, S. T. CHURNS	TITHE	4,075.00	
MACEDONIA, SALISBURY, W. T. JACKSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
MARS HILL, WINSTON SALEM, K. E. LILLY	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW BETHEL, HIGH POINT, JOHN MASON	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW BETHEL, WINSTON SALEM, JERRY DRAYTON	TITHE	4,380.00	
NEW BETHEL, MOCKSVILLE, DENNIS BISHOP	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW HOPE, WINSTON SALEM, S. L. HODGES	200.00	150.00	50.00
NEW LIGHT, WINSTON SALEM, SPL HICKERSON	200.00	50.00	150.00
NEW ST. PAUL, EDEN, R. J. HOWARD	500.00	100.00	400.00
NEW SHEPARD, COOLEMEE, WAYLON WALLACE	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW SMITH GROVE, LEXINGTON, STEVE CARLTON	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW TRINITY, WINSTON SALE,. J. L. TORRANT	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW ZION, GREENSBORO, W. R. WRIGHT, JR.	400.00	10.00	390.00
NEW ZION SALISBURY, PAUL JONES	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW ZION, WINSTON SALEM, E. L. CLARK	200.00	450.00	
OAK GROVE, WALKERTOWN	300.00	0.00	300.00
PHILLIPS CHAPEL, WINSTON SALEM.	400.00	0.00	300.00
PINEY GROVE, WINSTON SALEM, ISHMAN HURST	300.00	0.00	300.00
PLEASANT GROVE, WINSTON SALEM, R. HAIRSTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
PRINCE OF PEACE, WINSTON SALEM, R. L. WATLINGTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
PROVIDENCE, GREENSBORO, HOWARD CUBBS	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
PROVIDENCE, KERNERSVILLE. D. JOHNSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
R.M. PITTS MEMORIAL, WINSTON SALEM, R. H. BONHAM	0.00	322.00	
RED BANK, GERMANTON, J. J. CLYBURN	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
RISING STAR, WLANUT COVE, DOUGLAS SUMMERS	500.00	0.00	500.00
ST. JOHN, ASHEBORO, R. J. GILLIAM, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. LUKE, SALISBURY,	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. MARK, WINSTON SALEM, JAMES FULLWOOD	600.00	400.00	200.00
ST. PAUL, EDEN, R. J. HOWARD	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. STEPHENS, WINSTON SALEM, J. R. SAMUELS	4,500.00	325.50	4,174.50
SECOND NEW BETHEL, WINSTON SALEM	200.00	0.00	200.00
SECOND NEW LIGHT, ST. PAUL,	200.00	0.00	200.00
SHADY GROVE, EAST SEPNCER, JOHN G. GASTON	5,000.00	5,276.00	0.00
SHILOH, GREENSBORO, O. L. HAIRSTON	300.00	500.00	
SHILOH, MOCKSVILLE, A. D. WALKER	300.00	128.00	172.00
SHILOH, WINSTON SALEM, J. RAY BUTLER	TITHE	12,316.00	
TEMPLE MEMORIAL, HIGH POINT,	5,000.00	50.00	4,960.00
UNION, LEXINGTON. DARRYL ROBINSON	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
UNION. WINSTON SALE, F. F. DANIELS	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
UNION CHAPEL, WINSTON SALEM, R. ROBINSON	600.00	0.00	600.00
UNITED INSTIT., GREENSBORO, LOIS ANDERSON	TITHE	5,000.00	
UNITED METHO., WINSTON SALEM, J. D. BALLARD	TITHE	7,200.00	
UNITED PROG., WINSTON SALEM, B. CALDWELL	300.00	0.00	300.00
WARREN GROVE, EDENTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
WAUGHTON. WINSTON SALEM, T. D. JOHNSON	500.00	500.00	
YADKIN GROVE, SALISBURY, GEROGE B. JACKSON	200.00	25.00	175.00
ZION, REIDSVILLE. GREGORY K. MOSS	TITHE	1,500.00	
ZION MEMORIAL, WINSTON SALEM, JOSEPH JONES	1,200.00	400.00	800.00
ZION HILL, WINSTON SALEM, JOHN H. WALKER	200.00	50.00	150.00
TOTAL		65,036.50	
ST. JOHN, J. J. JOHNSON, Moderator			
BUFFALO SPRINGS, RAEFORD, J. R. KELLY	400.00	200.00	200.00
CEDAR GROVE, GIBSON, S. C. FAIRLEY	400.00	200.00	200.00
ELLERBE CHAPEL, ROCKINGHAM, C. J. MCIVER	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, CAROLINA PARK. J. BARNES	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, LAUREL HILL	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, MARSTON, J. F. KELLY	300.00	5.00	295.00
FLETCHER GROVE, LAURINBURG, J. A. DAVIS	300.00	0.00	300.00
JOHN CHAPEL, LAURINBURG, HOWARD DAVIS	2,000.00	629.00	1,371.00
JONES CHAPEL, RED SPRINGS, J. R. LEACH	400.00	463.00	
LAUREL HILL FIRST, LAUREL HILL,	0.00	470.00	
MT. MORIAH, RAEFORD, C. R. MOODY	200.00	0.00	200.00
NAZARETH, WAGRAM, S. C. FAIRLEY	500.00	95.50	404.50
MACEDONIA, HOFFMAN, MONGO MCRAE	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAK HILL, WAGRAM, DENNIS CALDWELL	200.00	0.00	200.00
REEDY CREEK, LAURINBURG,	300.00	0.00	300.00
SHADY GROVE, WAGRAM, J. W. GORHAM	300.00	0.00	300.00
SILVER GROVE, RAEFORD, W. K. MITCHELL	2,500.00	612.10	1,889.90
SOLID ROCK, LAURINBURG, CLEM W. CAMPBRELL	500.00	51.00	449.00
UNION GROVE, LAURINBURG, R. M. FLADGER	300.00	0.00	300.00
UNIONVILLE, LAURINBURG, STANLEY FAISON	300.00	25.00	275.00
TOTAL		2,750.60	
TAR RIVER, J. B. WOODHOUSE, Moderator			
BETHLEHEM, ROCKY MOUNT, WILTON BYRD	600.00	708.33	
BUNN'S CHAPEL, NASHVILLE, E.W. HINES	400.00	0.00	400.00
CASTALIA, CASTALIA, L. EDWARDS	300.00	0.00	300.00
ELIZABETH, MIDDLESEX, J. N. HUNTER	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, BAILEY	200.00	0.00	200.00
HILLSDALE, ROCKY MOUNT,	200.00	200.00	
NEW BETHEL, ENFIELD, SAMUEL MCCLAIN, JR.	300.00	200.00	100.00
NEW HOPE FIRST, SPRING HOPE, A. M. WIGGINS	200.00	48.00	152.00
OAK LEVEL, ELM CITY, GENE MURPHY	200.00	0.00	200.00
PHILADELPHIA, ROCKY MOUNT, B. W. ALSTON	300.00	0.00	300.00
PILOT, ZEBULON, A. M. WIGGINS	800.00	0.00	800.00
RED OAK GROVE, STAN HOPE, J. B. WOODHOUSE	800.00	0.00	800.00
ROCK HILL, NASHVILLE, THOMAS RICHARDSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
ROCKY POINT, SPRING HOPE, A. M. WIGGINS	300.00	183.11	116.89
ST. DELIGHT, NASHVILLE, W. E. HOLLOWAY	500.00	267.32	232.68
ST. HOPE, SPRING HOPE, FRANK BULLOCK, JR.	2,500.00	1,770.00	730.00
ST. JOHN . RED OAK, J. B. WOODHOUSE	1,000.00	794.00	206.00
SALEM, TARBORO	200.00	0.00	200.00
SANDY FORK, BAILEY, C. J. LEMAY	1,000.00	193.59	806.41
SANDY DELIGHT,NASHVILLE, T. RICHARDSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
WHITE OAK, MIDDLESEX, JAMES N. HUNTER	200.00	23.00	177.00
TOTAL		4,387.35	
TRENT RIVER-OAKEY GROVE, E. W. WOOTEN, Moderator			
DAVIS CHAPEL, MAYSVILLE, LEROY MOORE	500.00	200.00	300.00
EUGENE VIEW, JACKSONVILLE,	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST. JACKSONVILLE, JAMES E. BROWN	200.00	100.00	100.00

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	Quota	Amount Paid	Balance
FIRST, KELLUMTOWN, A. M. KELLY	400.00	310.00	90.00
FIRST, MAYSVILLE, D. D. DILLAHUNT	200.00	0.00	200.00
HILLS CHAPEL, TRENTON, ROOSEVELT TAYLOR	300.00	50.00	250.00
J. T. KERR MEMORIAL, JACKSONVILLE, PRESTON HARRIS	300.00	75.00	225.00
JENKINS CHAPEL, SWEADS FERRY, J. D. JACOBS	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. MORIAH, COVE CITY, BILLY C. SMITH	0.00	53.00	
MACEDONIA, NEW BERN, LEVY MOORE	300.00	100.00	200.00
MARSHALL CHAPEL, JACKSONVILLE, S. R. HESTER	400.00	100.00	300.00
NEW DIXON CHAPEL, JACKSONVILLE, S. B. PATTERSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAKEY GROVE, TRENTON, E. L. BATTS	600.00	140.00	460.00
ST. LOUIS, RICHLAND, A. M. KELLY	300.00	659.70	
ST. PHILLIP, POLLOCKSVILLE, J. T. PARKS	600.00	600.00	50.00
SANDY RUN, JACKSONVILLE, E. W. WOOTEN	2,000.00	550.00	1,450.00
UNION, JACKSONVILLE, ROBERT GREEN	300.00	0.00	300.00
VIRGIN HILL, TUSCORA, RUDOLPH STANWON, JR.	400.00	220.00	180.00
WASHINGTON CHAPEL, JACKSONVILLE, F. D. JONES, SR.	400.00	50.00	350.00
WHITE OAK, MAYSVILLE, DD. D. DILLAHUNT	400.00	0.00	400.00
ZION CHAPEL, POLLOCKSVILLE,	400.00	0.00	400.00
TOTAL		3,297.70	

UNION, M. B. HAYES, Moderator

BAPTIST UNION, HOPE MILLS, M. B. HAYES	1,000.00	50.00	950.00
BEAUTY SPOT, FAYETTEVILLE, W. D. JOHNSON	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
CHINA GROVE, FAYETTEVILLE, M. E. STUBBS	200.00	0.00	200.00
COMMUNITY, FAYETTEVILLE, ARTHUR WILSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, FAYETTEVILLE, A. R. EDWARDS	TITHE	9,715.00	
FIRST, PARKTON, JAMES A RAY	3,000.00	70.00	2,930.00
FIRST, RED SPRINGS, LINDSEY GOODWIN	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
FIRST NEW LIGHT, WHITE OAK,	300.00	0.00	300.00
FLAT SWAMP, FAYETTEVILLE, H. MELVIN	300.00	0.00	300.00
FRIENDSHIP, FAYETTEVILLE, B. L. RICH	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
GOOD HOPE, FAYETTEVILLE, SAMUEL MCDONALD	2,000.00	465.00	1,535.00
GRAY'S CREEK, HOPE MILLS, JAMES SCURGGS	1,000.00	1,392.64	
LAUREL HILL, LUMBER BRIDGE, T. PATTERSON	2,400.00	695.00	1,705.00
LEACH SPRINGS, RAEFORD, JAMES C. COHILL	200.00	0.00	200.00
LEWIS CHAPEL, FAYETTEVILLE, J. D. FULLER	TITHE	12,462.00	
MT. CALVARY, FAYETTEVILLE,	600.00	0.00	600.00
MT. OLIVE, FAYETTEVILLE, CARL E. BRINKLEY,JR.	2,500.00	330.00	2,170.00
MT. PISGAH, RAEFORD, R. L. DAVIS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
MT. SINAI, FAYETTEVILLE, A. J. JOHNSON	3,500.00	1,900.00	1,600.00
NEW BETHLEHEM, GEORGE F. PONE	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW GETHSEMANE, FAYETTEVILLE, IDAY WATSON	300.00	20.00	280.00
NEW HOPE, STEDMAN, WILSON BREWINGTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
OAK RIDGE, LUMBER BRIDGE, M. ROUSE, JR.	500.00	265.00	235.00
PINEY GROVE, RAEFORD, SHERMAN BROOKS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
PLEASANT HILL, LUMBERTON, R. A. HOLMES	200.00	0.00	200.00
PLEASANT GROVE, ST. PAUL, EARL V. HALL	200.00	0.00	200.00
PLEASANT VIEW, ST. PAULS, J. R. SIMPSON	200.00	6.50	193.50
PRINCIPIUM, FAYETTEVILLE, JAMES BUTLER	200.00	0.00	200.00
ROCK HILL, RAEFORD,	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN, SHANNON, HARRY MCRAE	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. PETER, RAEFORD, RICHARD BETHEA	300.00	0.00	200.00
SAVANNAH, FAYETTEVILLE, C. C. MCLAUGHLIN	400.00	0.00	400.00
SECOND ST. MATTHES, SHANNON, R. COUNCIL, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
SECOND NEW LIGHT, ST PAULS, WAYMON KIRKMAN	1,400.00	200.00	1,200.00
SHILOH, ST. PAULS,	600.00	0.00	600.00
SOUTH END, FAYETTEVILLE,	400.00	0.00	400.00
SPRING LAKE, SPEING LAKE, J. MCKOY, JR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
SWANS CREEK, HOPE MILLS, C. C. MCLAUGHLIN	500.00	750.00	
UPPER ROOM, FAYETTEVILLE, WILLIAMS EVANS	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		28,521.14	

UNITED SHILOH, MOORE H. BYHUM, Moderator

ANTIOCH, OXFORD, F. C. MOODY	400.00	740.00	
BELTON CREEK, OXFORD, P. D. DAVIS	2,500.00	1,472.25	1,027.75
BETHLEHEM, WISE, ROY SMITHWICK	300.00	75.00	225.00
BROOKSTON, HENDERSON, ELLSWORTH TAIT	300.00	0.00	300.00
COLEY'S SPRINGS, WARRENTON,	300.00	0.00	300.00
COOK'S CHAPLE, WARREN PLAINS, W. L. BARNES	400.00	0.00	400.00
DICKIES GROVE, HENDERSON, A. B. BASS	300.00	0.00	300.00
GREENWOOD, WARRENTON, M. H. BYNUM	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, NORLINA, ROY SMITHWICK	300.00	262.98	37.02
FIRST, OXFORD, LACY THOMAS	2,000.00	700.00	1,300.00
FIRST, KITTRELL, W. M. MCMILLIAH	300.00	0.00	300.00
GREENWOOD, WARRENTON, M. H. BYNUM	0.00	100.00	
HAYWOOD, LOUISBURG, LUTHER COPPEDGE	400.00	670.00	
HICKORY GROVE, LOUISBURG,	200.00	15.00	185.00
ILDAH, KITTRELL, MCCOY BULLOCK	600.00	375.00	225.00
JERUSALEM, WARRENTON, C. V. HARRIS	200.00	0.00	200.00
JONES CHAPEL, LOUISBURG, OSLUM CURRIN	300.00	0.00	300.00
JONES CHAPEL, NORLINA, RONALD WHELESS	300.00	0.00	300.00
JORDAN CHAPEL, WARRENTON,	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. OLIVE, HENDERSON, GEORGE CORNWALL, SR.	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. PLEASANT, MANSON, R. M. HENDERSON	500.00	100.00	400.00
MANSON, MANSON, A. A. BROWN	400.00	180.00	220.00
MITCHELL, HENDERSON, E. W. BRODIE	4,000.00	1,265.11	2,734.89
NEW BETHEL, HENDERSON, J. H. BRYANT	200.00	34.00	166.00
OLIVE GROVE, LITTLETON, P. G. DAVIS	1,000.00	555.14	448.86
PERRY'S CHAPEL, LOUISBURG, ELBERT LEE	1,200.00	550.00	650.00
PHELPS CHAPEL, YOUNGSVILLE, R. A. WHELESS	200.00	0.00	200.00
PHIPPS CHAPEL, HENDERSON, W. S. TAYLOR	300.00	200.00	100.00
PINE CHAPEL, MACON, JAMES CLEMONTS	200.00	245.00	0.00
RED BUD, HENDERSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
RIDGEWAY, NORLINA, W. T. RAMSEY	300.00	0.00	300.00
ST. JAMES, HENDERSON, W. H. BURGESS	400.00	273.73	126.27
ST. JOHN, MIDDLEBURG, A. A. BROWN	300.00	0.00	300.00
SANDY GROVE, HENDERSON, M. A. JOYNER	1,000.00	360.97	639.03
SHILOH, HENDERSON, R. W. PERRY	4,000.00	890.00	3,110.00
SNOW HILL, WARRENTON, A. F. HORTON	200.00	35.00	165.00
SPRING GREEN, WARRENTON, C. H. BROWN	300.00	0.00	300.00
SWIFT CREEK, WHITAKER, W. H. BURGESS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
UNION GROVE, NORLINA, P. G. DAVIS	1,000.00	398.00	602.00
WARRENTON, WARRENTON, WALTER YARBOROUGH	300.00	56.13	243.87
WOODSWORTH, HENERSON, LAWRENCE HARRISON	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		9,553.31	

WAKE, P. R. JONES, Moderator

BAPTIST GROVE, RALEIGH, CURETON JOHNSON	0.00	70.00	
BETHLEHEM, RALEIGH, W. L. MORGAN	0.00		
COMPASSIONATE TAB., OF FAITH, RAL., T. B. JILES	0.00	425.00	
ELEVATION, RALEIGH, J. GEMTILE EVERETTE	5,000.00	190.50	4,809.50
FIRST, RALEIGH, NATHANIEL BOYKIN(INTERIM)	5,000.00	1,924.50	3,075.50
FIRST, HOLLY SPRINGS, OTIS G. BYRD	300.00	74.50	225.50
FIRST, FRANKLINTON, COOLEDGE MCCOY	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
FIRST, FUQUAY VARINA, M. JOHN	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
FIRST COSMOPOLITAN, RALEIGH, W. B. LEWIS	TITHE	2,700.00	
FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL, WAKE FOREST, E. HOLLOWAY	400.00	70.00	330.00
GOOD HOPE, KNIGHTDALE W. B. CUMMINGHAM	600.00	1,194.50	
JONES CHAPEL, KNIGHTDALE, ANTHONY F. EATON	300.00	50.00	250.00

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JONES HILL, SPRING HOPE, O. COOPER	300.00	0.00	300.00
JUNIPER LEVEL, GARNER, G. A. JONES, SR.	1,500.00	389.00	1,111.00
MT. PLEASANT, RALEIGH, P. R. JONES	1,000.00	352.50	647.50
MACEDONIA, WAKE FOREST, ED. WASHINGTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
MALABYS CROSSROAD, KNIGHTDALE, G. A. JONES, SR.	1,000.00	427.50	572.50
MARTIN STREET, RALEIGH, DAVID C. FORBES	TITHE	2,105.00	
NEW BETHEL, WAKE FOREST, RONALD LOWERY	400.00	270.00	130.00
NEW HOPE, WENDELL	200.00	0.00	200.00
NEW LIBERTY, LOUISBURG, COOLIDGE MCCOY	300.00	100.00	200.00
NEW PROVIDENCE, FUQUAY VARINA,	300.00	17.00	283.00
NEW TRINITY, RALEIGH, LUTHER COPPEDGE	500.00	100.00	400.00
OAK CITY, RALEIGH, W. T. NEWKIRK	800.00	140.00	660.00
OAK GROVE, APEX, W. Y. DAVIS	300.00	0.00	300.00
OBERLIN, RALEIGH, CHARLES NATHAN	500.00	0.00	500.00
OLIVE BRANCH, WAKE FOREST, A. J. TAYLOR	300.00	75.00	225.00
PHELPS CHAPEL, YOUNGSVILLE, R. A. WHELESS	300.00	0.00	300.00
PLEASANT GROVE, ZEBULON, A. T. WESLEY	800.00	140.00	660.00
PROGRESSIVE, RALEIGH, W. H. BROCK	0.00	119.00	
RILEY HILL, WENDELL, ALFONZO FULWOOD	400.00	485.00	
ST. MATTHEWS, RALEIGH, RONALD AVERY	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
SPRINGFIELD, RALEIGH, DANIEL SANDERS	1,000.00	140.00	860.00
TUPPER MEMORIAL, RALEIGH, LEOTHA BENHAM	3,000.00	395.00	2,605.00
UNION GROVE, YOUNGSVILLE, J. C. SHERROD	1,000.00	502.00	498.00
WAKE BAPTIST GROVE, RALEIGH, LEONARD FARRAR	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
WAKE CHAPEL, RALEIGH, G. A. JONES, JR.	3,000.00	455.00	2,545.00
WAKEFIELD, ZEBULON, J. T. PARKS, JR.	400.00	0.00	400.00
WATTS CHAPEL, RALEIGH, F. B. WEAVER	0.00	34.00	
WENDELL FIRST, WENDELL, JAMES LEE	200.00	237.00	0.00
WILLIAMS GROVE, RALEIGH, J. R. FOGG	200.00	0.00	200.00
WOODLAND CHAPEL, WAKE FOREST, IRVIN DAVIS, II	400.00	135.00	265.00
ZEBULON FIRST, ZEBULON, W. A. TURNER	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		13,317.00	

WAYNESVILLE, H. J. KINCAID, Moderator

MT. HEMBREE, WAYNESVILLE, H. J. KINCAID	200.00	0.00	200.00
LIBERTY, SYLVIA	300.00	365.00	0.00
MT. OLIVE, WAYNESVILLE, FRANK BLOUNT	400.00	100.00	300.00
MT. ZION, CANTON, P. HOOPER	400.00	0.00	400.00
MORNING STAR, BRYSON CITY, O. T. TOMES	400.00	50.00	350.00
PLEASANT GROVE, CANTON, J. B. CANTRELL	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		515.00	

WEST ROANOKE, A. M. WILLIAMS, Moderator

ASHLAND, MERRY HILL, FRANKLIN GRIFFIN, JR.	400.00	0.00	400.00
AULANDER FIRST, AILANDER, CALVIN WHEDBEE	200.00	90.00	110.00
BEACON LIGHT, AHOSKIE, GEORGE FETRELL	200.00	100.00	100.00
BEAUTIFUL ZION, LEWISTON, J. R. WIGGINS	200.00	49.00	151.00
CALVARY, AHOSKIE, H. H. MURRILL	500.00	0.00	500.00
CEDAR LANDING, WINDSOR, SHELTON R. BARNES	500.00	27.00	473.00
COLERAIN FIRST, COLERAIN, J. A. DAVIS	400.00	110.00	290.00
CONOCANARY, AULANDER, C. C. LAWRENCE	1,000.00	17.00	983.00
ELM GROVE, AULANDER, MICHAEL L. HOLLOMAN	400.00	127.00	273.00
ENON, LITTLEON,	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, AHOSKIE	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, KELFORD, CLAUDE ODOM	300.00	15.00	285.00
FIRST, MURFREESBORO, A. M. WILLIAMS	300.00	85.00	215.00
FIRST, POWELLSVILLE. ROBERT SESSOMS	1,000.00	15.00	985.00
FIRST, WINTON, MICHAEL D. PERRY	800.00	122.00	678.00
HARRELLSVILLE, HARRESVILLE, C. A. HART	400.00	0.00	400.00
HOLLY GROVE, COLERAIN	200.00	0.00	200.00
IMIDAN WOODS, WINDSOR, C. M. CREECY	300.00	115.00	185.00
JORDAN GROVE, WINTON, J. W. SHEARIN	300.00	0.00	300.00
LUELLA, KELFORD, CLAUDE M. ODAM	300.00	17.00	283.00
MELTON GROVE, WINFALL	200.00	0.00	200.00
MENOLA FIRST, WOODLAND, J. A. DAVIS	800.00	227.00	573.00
MILL BRANCH, AULANDER, W. I. WELCH	400.00	0.00	400.00
MILL NECK, COMO, JERRY BOONE, JR.	800.00	10.00	790.00
MT. ARARAT, WINDSOR, A. J. CHERRY	200.00	413.00	
MT. HERMAN, WINDSOR, ROBERT C. SESSOMS	200.00	20.00	180.00
MT. MORIAH, WINTON, MICHAEL PORTER	300.00	0.00	200.00
MT. MORIAH, MURFREESBORO, J. W. BARNES	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. OLIVE, AHOSKIE	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. OLIVE LEWISTON, MORRIS SHEARIN	500.00	0.00	500.00
MT. PLESANT, HARRELLSVILLE, J. R. WIGGINS	600.00	52.00	548.00
MT. SINAI, COLERAIN	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. SINAI, COMO, FRANKLIN LEE	500.00	335.00	165.00
NEW AHOSKIE, AHOSKIE	600.00	0.00	600.00
NEW BETHANY, AHOSKIE, C. M. CREECY	1,000.00	10.00	990.00
NEW HAVEN, MURFREESBORO, T. W. EWARDS	800.00	27.00	773.00
NEW HOLLY GROVE, COLERAIN, MICHAEL M. PERRY	200.00	7.00	193.00
NEWSOME GROVE, AHOSKIE, RICHARD E. SMALLWOOD	200.00	10.00	190.00
OXLEY HILL, MERRY HILL, J. R. WIGGINS	300.00	102.00	198.00
PARKERS GROVE, MURFREESBORO, EUGENE FIELDS	500.00	10.00	490.00
PETERSON CHAPEL, MERRY HILL, EUGENE C. WATSOH	400.00	10.00	390.00
PHILLIPS, COFIELD, C. A. HART	1,500.00	170.00	1,330.00
PINEY WOOD CHAPEL, POWELLSVILLE, MATHEWS SILVER	500.00	27.00	0.00
PLEASANT GROVE, ON NAPOLEAN WARD	200.00	0.00	200.00
PLEASANT PLAINS, AHOSKIE	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. ELMO, WINDSOR, E. C. WATSON	400.00	17.00	383.00
ST. FRANCIS, WINDSOR, BRADY CARMACK	200.00	0.00	200.00
ST. JOHN SECOND, AULANDER, DONALD L. COLEY	200.00	10.00	190.00
ST. LUKE, WINDSOR, ELBERT LEE	300.00	30.00	270.00
ST. MARK, COLERAIH, EDDIE LEE, JR.	200.00	60.00	140.00
ST. MATTHEWS, WINDSOR, LYCURGUS HARRELL	200.00	10.00	190.00
ST. PAUL, WINDSOR, LONNIE M. ELLIS	200.00	20.00	180.00
SANDY BRANCH, ROXOBEL, LYCURGUS HARRELL	400.00	86.00	314.00
SANDY POINT, WINDSOR, J. W. LAW	800.00	177.00	623.00
SECOND UNION, AHOSKIE, HOY COOPER	300.00	44.33	255.67
SPRINGHILL, LEWISTON, A. J. CHERRY	490.00	510.00	
WEEPING MARY, LEWISTON, JOHNNIE COFIELD	300.00	7.00	283.00
WYNNS GROVE, COLERAIH, THOMAS LEE	300.00	37.00	263.00
ZION BETHLEHEM, MERRY HILL, LEROY GILLIAM	400.00	0.00	400.00
ZION GROVE, AULANDER EDDIE LEE	400.00	20.00	380.00
ZION HILL, COLERAIN, C. C. LAWRENCE	500.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL		3,347.33	

WESTERN UNION, R. W. LOWE, Moderator

BEAR SKIN, CLINTON, R. W. LOWE	300.00	0.00	300.00
BIG PINEY GROVE, LUMBER,	300.00	0.00	300.00
BROWN'S CHAPEL, CLINTON, W. C. MARABLE	300.00	0.00	300.00
CEDAR CREEK, CLINTON	300.00	0.00	300.00
CHAPEL HILL, AUTRYVILLE, COLON THOMAS	300.00	0.00	300.00
ELIZABETH, AUTRYVILLE, JAMES D. FORTE	500.00	0.00	500.00
FIRST, CLINTON M. L. EDMONDS	2,000.00	396.00	1,604.00
FIRST, ROSEBORO, J. T. OLIVER	200.00	0.00	2,200.00
IMGOLD FIRST, IMGOLD,	600.00	200.00	400.00
LISBON STREET, CLINTON, H. R. COGDELL	4,500.00	2,781.42	1,718.58

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	Quota	Amount Paid	Balance
LITTLEFIELD, NEWTON GROVE, BENNY KEMP	500.00	487.61	12.39
MT. PLEASANT, CLINTON, VARNIE FULWOOD	300.00	170.00	130.00
MT. ZION, DUNN	0.00	25.00	
OLIVET INSTITUTIONAL, CLINTON, WILLIE BOWDEN	200.00	0.00	200.00
RED HILL, CLINTON, JOHN T. OLIVER	200.00	0.00	200.00
SNOW HILL, ROSBORO, JESSIE SMITH	400.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL		4,260.02	
WILSON, T. A. WATKINS, Moderator			
BARNES CHAPEL, WILSON, W. I. BOWDEN	600.00	0.00	600.00
CALVARY, WILSON, D. D. WILLIAMS	200.00	0.00	200.00
EBENEZER, WILSON, W. I. BOWDEN	1,000.00	450.00	550.00
FIRST, BAILEY, EDWARD WOODARD	500.00	330.00	170.00
FIRST, ELM CITY, J. E. BARROW	200.00	0.00	200.00
FIRST, LUCAMA, ODELL FORTE	800.00	0.00	800.00
JACKSON CHAPEL FIRST, WILSON, T. A. WATKINS	3,000.00	2,175.00	825.00
JOHNSON CHAPEL, ELM CITY, JAMES EARL BARRON	400.00	5.00	495.00
MARY GROVE, LUCAMA, E. D. WOODARD	200.00	255.00	0.00
ROUNDTREE, WILSON, JEREMIAH DAVIS	1,500.00	15.00	1,485.00
SANDY FORK, WILSON, WAYNE RILEY	200.00	35.00	165.00
VAUGHN CHAPEL, ELM CITY, H. WOODARD	200.00	0.00	200.00
WILLIAMS CHAPEL, ELM CITY, J. NANGUM	200.00	0.00	200.00
WILSON CHAPEL, ELM CITY, D. D. WILLIAMS	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL		3,275.00	
YADKIN DAVIE, ARDEAL ROSEWOOD, Moderator			
CHINQUAPIN GROVE, MOCKSVILLE	0.00		
CEDAR CREEK, MOCKSVILLE, W. C. HAY	300.00	200.00	100.00
FORBUSH, YADKINSVILLE, LEONARD M. LEWIS, JR.	200.00	0.00	200.00
MT. NEBO, HARMONY, ARDEAL ROSEBORO	1,500.00	300.00	1,200.00
PLEASANT GROVE, YADKINVILLE, F. A LEAKE	300.00	50.00	250.00
PLEASANT HILL, HAMPTONVILLE, WALTER TIDLINE	400.00	593.00	
SMITH GROVE, MIDDENITE, S. F. HAIRSTON	400.00	147.00	253.00
TOTAL		1,290.00	
YADKIN PHILDELPHIA, W. H. STURDIVANT, Moderator			
ANTIOCH, MONROE	2,000.00	70.00	1,930.00
E. MACEDONIA, NORWOOD, GEORGE THOMAS	300.00	0.00	300.00
FIRST, ANSONVILLE, R. E. BLOUNT	500.00	0.00	500.00
FIRST, NORWOOD, C. C. CLARK	400.00	0.00	400.00
FLAKES CHAPEL, WADESBORO, HARLIE STURDIVANT	300.00	25.00	275.00
FRIENDSHIP, ALBERMARLE, L. J. TYSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
GARRIS GROVE, WADESBORO, WALTER R. ELLERBEE	500.00	78.00	422.00
HENDERSON GROVE, WADESBORO, J. N. COBLE	500.00	0.00	500.00
MT. PLEASANT, WADESBORO,	300.00	163.55	136.45
MT. ZION, BADIN, D. L. THOMPSON	500.00	200.00	300.00
OLIVER GROVE, MT. GILEAD, W. H. STURDIVANT	500.00	260.00	240.00
PARSON GROVE, MT. GILEAD, W. H. STURDIVANT	400.00	170.00	230.00
PINEY GROVE, WAXHAW, JOHN GRIFFIN	1,800.00	830.00	970.00
PLEASANT HILL, ANSONVILLE, C. M. HUNTLEY	600.00	95.00	505.00
RED HILL, WADESBORO, C. C. CLARK	300.00	0.00	300.00
THOMASVILLE, MT. GILEAD, L. T. WILLOUGHBY	200.00	100.00	100.00
WALKER GROVE, WINGATE,	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		1,991.55	

	Quota	Amount Paid	Balance
YADKIN VALLEY, MONTREAL HOWELL, Moderator			
ARARAT, MT. AIRY, THOMAS HOWELL	400.00	210.50	189.50
FIRST, N. WILKESBORO, JOHN SPEARS	1,200.00	350.00	850.00
FRIENDSHIP, UNION GROVE, ROMIE HORTON	500.00	280.00	220.00
MT. PLEASANT, JONESVILLE, MONTREAL HOWELL	300.00	0.00	300.00
MT. VALLEY, RONDA, J. K. ALLEN	300.00	0.00	300.00
NEW DAMASCUS, WILKESBORO, W. N. ROWE	800.00	525.00	275.00
PARKS GROVE, WILKESBORO, W. O. BROWN	400.00	193.00	207.00
PINEY GROVE, MORAVIN FALLS, MONTREAL HOWELL	400.00	0.00	400.00
PLEASANT HILL, N. WILKESBORO, COOT GILBREATH	3,000.00	683.00	2,317.00
PLEASANT HILL, HAMPTON, WALTER TIDLINE	300.00	0.00	300.00
POPLAR SPRINGS, ROARING RIVER, FRED CARLTON	400.00	0.00	400.00
ST. JOHN, TAYLORSVILLE, MACK MILLSAPS	400.00	215.00	185.00
ST. HOME, ELKIN	300.00	0.00	300.00
SANDY CREEK, TRAPHILL, WATLER TIDLINE	400.00	355.00	45.00
THANKFUL, BOOMER, H. P. DALTON	1,000.00	600.00	400.00
UNION GROVE, TAYLORSVILLE, JAMES MILLSAPS	300.00	75.00	225.00
TOTAL		3,486.50	
ZION. J. N. COBLE, Moderator			
BARRINGER CHAPEL, WADESBORO, JASPER POWE	400.00	0.00	400.00
BROWN CREEK, WADESBORO, R. E. BLOUNT	400.00	200.00	200.00
CEDAR CREEK, WADESBORO	300.00	0.00	300.00
EAST ROCKFORD, WADESBORO, DONNELL S. TAYLOR	1,000.00	471.15	528.85
EBENEZER, WADESBORO, W. W. WILLIAMS	300.00	0.00	300.00
ELIZABETH, MONROE, J. H. FERGUSON	2,500.00	685.00	1,815.00
FIRST, HAMLET, H. C. MILLER	1,000.00	929.50	70.50
FIRST, WADESBORO, H. J. CAMPBELL	3,000.00	855.00	2,145.00
FLAG BRANCH, MONROE	400.00	0.00	400.00
FLAT ROCK, WADESBORO, D. W. MOREHEAD	500.00	250.00	250.00
FLINT RIDGE, MARSHVILLE, A. L. EVANS	500.00	688.60	
FRIENDSHIP, MONROE,	3,000.00	25.00	2,975.00
GALILEE, OAKBORO, JASPER POWE	300.00	174.61	625.39
LONG PINE, WADESBORO, J. J. WILSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
MELTONVILLE, PEACHLAND, L. PRESLEY	500.00	320.00	180.00
NEW ZION, PEACHLAND, J. N. COBLE	600.00	51.00	549.00
NEW ZION, POLKTON	200.00	0.00	200.00
NICEY GROVE, WINGATE, C. J. EVANS	1,000.00	200.00	800.00
OLIVE BRANCH, MARSHVILLE, J. C. ROBINSON	1,000.00	475.00	525.00
PARSON GROVE, LILESVILLE, J. W. PARSON	200.00	0.00	200.00
POPLAR HILL, POLKTON, W. HARLIE STURDIVANT	300.00	100.00	200.00
POPLAR SPRINGS, POLKTON, D. W. MOREHEAD	300.00	100.00	200.00
RAMAH GROVE, MCFARLAN, LEWIS BLAKNEY	500.00	400.00	100.00
SANDY RIDGE, MORVEN, W. H. STURDIVANT	500.00	220.00	280.00
WEST DEEP CREEK, WADESBORO, W. A. SELLERS	500.00	290.08	209.92
WEST ROCKY FORD, WADESBORO, LEMON PARSON	300.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL		6,434.94	
UNIDENTIFIED			
GRAHAM, PINK HILL, J. D. MORRISEY	0.00	74.00	
MT. MORIAH, MATTHEWS, J. C. ROBINSON	0.00	1,180.00	
LIVINGSTON CHAPEL, HAMLET	0.00	200.00	
ST. LUKE, WILSON	0.00	50.00	
SHILOH, REIDSVILLE,	0.00	100.00	
UNION, EASTON	0.00	80.00	
TOTAL		1,684.00	
Grand Total	$414,990.32		

Summary of July and August 1989 Sunday School Lessons

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

The lessons for July and the first Sunday in August are found in the Book of Judges on the 2nd Sunday in August we move to the Book of Ruth. Below are several suggestions to enhance the study of the Sunday School Lessons. We should help make the stories come alive for the participants in our classes.

— Brief skits can be used to act out the story lines.

— Felt boards to tell the story for young children.

— Pictures from magazines, books, etc. that show famine.

—Pictures of land ripe for harvest.

— Pictures of the clothing of the time.

— Time line reviews: Where in the history of Israel this period occurred where in relation to Jesus' birth were the events.

— Pictures and maps of the land in which the story occurred.

— Maps showing the relationships of the cities.

— Bible quiz questions about the lessons.

16 July 89
Text: Judges 6:11-16, 25-29

Our study today focuses on Gideon, and reminds us that the individuals we read about in Scipture were human. They were real people who faced the same kinds of problems we face today. Our lesson will show us that if we walk with God we can walk with courage, rather than be paralyzed by fear. Gideon also shows us that despite our limitations, if we will serve the Lord, He will use us.

Our lesson begins with Israel once again in a low ebb because of her disobedience. The Midianites were attacking Israel and stealing the harvest. Gideon was hiding in a winepress as he threshed the wheat, so the Midianites would not steal his family's food. (Judges 6:11) But God knew where Gideon was even if the Midianites didn't. Just as He knows where you and I are. He knows all about us. And He will meet us where we are, just like He did Gideon. The Lord sent an angel to Gideon to commission him to defeat the Midianites.

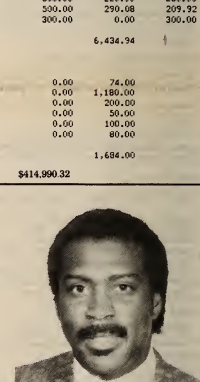
Gideon was not pleased by this. In fact, he wanted to know, "If God is with us, why are we being beat up on by the Midianites?" (Judges 6:13). God did not flare back, but in His patient way proceeded with the commission. Gideon didn't think he could handle the job. Some of this may have been his lack of confidence, but he also seems to have been genuine in his humility. God reassured Gideon, "Surely I will be with you." God's promise settled the issue.

Before Gideon could proceed to the Midianites, he had to do some work in his own back yard. Gideon had to stand up for the Lord before his family and friends who were worshipping Baal. Gideon had to confront the idolatry of Israel. Gideon was obedient, but it must have been tough. Gideon's father was a leader in this idolatrous community and either owned or had responsibility for the altar. Gideon persevered even though it was at night for fear of the repercussions.

In what ways are you like Gideon? As Christians we should always be positive people. In Jesus Christ we have victory. It is incumbent upon us to seek the Lord, obey Him, and rest upon His Word. If we will be obedient in this manner, then we will be "more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:32), and accomplish the work God has for us to do.

23 July 89
Scripture: Judges 7:2-7, 19-21

We are nothing in and of ourselves. All that we can be rests in our recognizing our limitations apart from God. God is faithful. He will be there



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for us even when we have turned from Him. Scripture bears this point out over and over again. And if we are honest, so do our lives. We must humble ourselves before God can use us. Gideon had that humility and today we shall see God's hand in his life.

Our lesson opens with God giving Gideon directions. First God dealt with the Israelite army. The army was too big! How could the army be too big? God was trying to reach Israel, His chosen people. He was concerned about their souls (just as He is concerned about ours). He had a spiritual concern. God wanted Israel to get out of their own self-willed mode and depend on Him. If the army stayed 32,000 strong, Israel would never recognize God's hand of

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protection intervening. They would boast of "their" victory.

God "cut" the army twice before it was ready to go into battle. He reduced it by having Gideon have those who were afraid to leave the field. Fear hinders faith; it keeps you from yielding to God's power. Twenty thousand men left the field in the first cut! Second, God had Gideon test how the soldiers drank from a body of water. Cook suggests that this test may have been a means to identify the most alert soldiers. This cut resulted in the army that would go into battle — 300 men.

Gideon was undaunted; he led his men in squads of 100 standing on God's assurances. The Israelite army moved in the middle of the night. The Midianites were confused and unprepared. Their confusion overwhelmed them and many killed one another. God is calling us to repentance. He wants to give us the victory. If we are not obedient, we will be unprepared and confused. We will destroy ourselves. If however we humble ourselves before God, He will deliver us. The choice is ours. We have the invitation to join the Family of God. The choice is ours. We have the invitation to join the Family of God. With that call comes the challenge to serve. If we trust the Lord, He will direct our paths (Prov. 3:5-6). The Lord will deliver.

30 July 89
Scripture: Judges 9:1, 2, 4-15

Selfishness leads to destruction. Our lesson shows how when we seek our own gains above all else, we get out of step with God and His blessings. Today's lesson follows what happens when one self-willed man assumes leadership.

After Gideon died, Israel returned to its pattern of idolatry. Abimelech, one of Gideon's 70 sons determined to become king. Abimelech was born to Shechem, one of Gideon's numerous concubines. Abimelech grew up among Shechem's people who were closely tied to the Canaanites. So when he decided he would be king, he used his father's reputation and the royal line of his mother to win the throne. But that isn't all he did to win the throne. Abimelech allied himself with men of unsavory character.

To assure his rise to the throne, Abimelech and his allies killed Gideon's sons — Abimelech's very own brothers save one. Jotham, the youngest son managed to escape. Consequently, Abimelech won the throne. He connived and maneuvered to get what he wanted without consideration for what he had to do to get it. How often do we do the same?

Jotham left the area to preserve his life. However, before he left, he told the people a parable. The parable ridiculed their choice of Abimelech as king. It also proved to be prophetic of Abimelech's reign. After only a few short years of reign, the people rose up against Abimelech. In the battle that ensued, Abimelech was fatally wounded, when a woman "dropped a piece of millstone from a tower hitting Abimelech in the head." Cultural mores of the time dictated that for a man to die at the hand of a woman was a disgrace. To keep from being disgraced, Abimelech had his armor bearer kill him. Even in death he was self-serving.

We must be alert and sensitive to God's leadership in order that we aren't fooled by those who would lead us away from His Will. To do this we must pray and study God's Word. We must take part in the election process in our local, state and federal governments, and in the organizations in which we participate. We must look closely at our candidates to see what kind of leaders they will make. Whose interest is at the focus of their platform? We must study this for ourselves and not fall prey to publicity the way the Shechemites did. We must accept the responsibility of careful leader selection that comes with the freedom to choose.

6 August 89
Scripture: Judges 16:23-31

Our lesson today focuses on Samson, a man who lacked consistency in his relationship with the Lord. Despite being set apart at birth for the Lord's work, Samson's weakness for women interfered with his being fully committed to that work. We all have weaknesses that interfere with our walk with the Lord. What things, "personality traits," or people keep you from being closer to the Lord? How are you like Samson who revealed the source of his strength to Delilah, whom he found physically attractive, while she sought to destroy him? Rather than seeking the Lord and being obedient to His commands, Samson followed the yearnings of his carnal self. This led to his physical and spiritual downfall.

Even in Samson's darkest hour, God did not forsake him. God still hearkened to Samson's hearfelt cry. The Lord will hear us too, if we will call on Him. Even when we sin, if we repent the Lord will cleanse and reconcile us to Himself. If we will be obedient in our reconciliation, the Lord will use us. The Lord answered Samson's prayer and used him despite his sin (v. 28). We must recognize that God is faithful and will cleanse our sins IF we ask. Once forgiven we can still be used of God. To be used, however, we must open ourselves and submit ourselves to the Lord, just as Samson did in the great hall of the Philistines. If we will truly repent, the Lord will restore us to the joy of our salvation.

Will you be like Samson today? Will you in your weakness and sin call on the Lord to restore you to His fellowship and make you an instrument of His peace? Jesus stands at the door of your heart today.

13 August 89
Scripture: Right 1:1-8, 16-18

Our memory verse today is familiar to many of us; it is a favorable scripture at weddings. The lesson will give us the background of the verse and tell us something about commitment. (Memory verse: Ruth 1:16). Verses 1-5 introduces us to the key characters of the story and provide some information about the circumstances. The time frame of the story is still during the leadership of the Judges of Israel. A Hebrew family, Elimelech, which means "my God is King," his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, moved temporarily from their home in Bethlehem to Moab because of famine in the land. Famines, you may recall were a judgment from the Lord. Considering the cycle of sin that Israel had sustained, is there any wonder that God was judging the people?

While in Moab, Elimelech died. Naomi was left alone to raise her two sons. When they were old enough, they married Moabites, Orpah and Ruth. Within a ten year period, Naomi lost her husband and her two sons. What a tragedy! Now here she was in a foreign land. Naomi had left Bethlehem because of barrenness in the land from famine; now she faced another kind of barrenness, the barrenness of the death of her family. Despite the pain and sorrow, Naomi continued on.

Naomi learned that the famine at home was over, so she decided to go back. She was returning in a barren state. With the death of her husband and sons, Naomi would have to depend on relatives for her livelihood. As she set for the 60 mile journey from Moab back to Bethlehem, both Orpah and Naomi went with Naomi. Naomi realized that her daughters-in-law might be better off in their native land, so she blessed them and sent them back to their mothers' homes. Why their mothers' homes? This was the custom in the land because there were multiple wives and concubines. Orpah returned to her mother. However, Ruth chose to remain with Naomi. Verses 16 and 17 recount Ruth's plea and commitment to Naomi. Ruth pledged her loyalty to Naomi, her customs, culture and God. What an example of love and unselfishness.

Ruth's love is an example of Christlike love in its unselfishness. In our lives we are called to live like Christ. To do so we must first be truly and fully committed to the Lord.

20 August 89
Scripture: Ruth 2:5-12, 19, 20

In this continuation of Ruth, Ruth has settled in her new home and life. She is in the fields gleaning wheat when the landowner comes out to the fields and asks his steward who she is. Boaz is a God-fearing man as revealed in his greeting to his workers (v.4). He went out to meet Ruth. Boaz welcomed her to the field; he encouraged and supported her in her work. He assured her that she would be safe in the fields and that her needs would be met. Boaz had compassion — sympathy in action for Ruth. He recognized that she had reason to be concerned about her safety; she was afterall a foreigner in the land, and an attractive woman. Boaz was sensitive to Ruth's fears and took action to allay them.

Imagine Ruth's feelings! Here she was a Gentile in a land of Hebrews, and she had found favor with one of the wealthy landowners. Her response was one of humility (v.10). Ruth bowed on the ground before Boaz. Ruth's action was the custom of the time to demonstrate respect when an inferior was greeted by a superior. Boaz told Ruth that he'd heard of her love and loyalty to Naomi. He knew her situation, how she'd left all that she'd known to come to a new land with her mother-in-law. Not only had she moved, but she had forsaken the Moabite gods and accepted the God of Israel. Boaz asked God's blessing on Ruth for her actions.

Naomi was curious about her daughter-in-law's day. She wanted to know how she managed, and she prayed for blessings on the man who had helped Ruth. Ruth told Naomi the details of the day. She had worked in Boaz' fields; she shared some of the food she had left from lunch (v. 18). Naomi then told Ruth that Boaz was a relative. Perhaps he would be a way to settle the uncertainty in their lives.

A final piece of information that highlights Boaz compassion is found in Judges 21:25, "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Boaz was not compelled by man's laws to help Ruth and Naomi. So too in our lives, if we walk with the Lord, we will do what He directs.

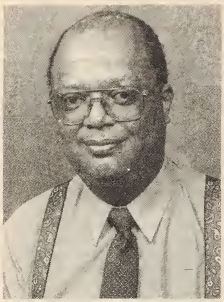
27 August 89
Scripture: Ruth 4:9-17

Our lesson today concludes the study of Ruth. Boaz, in his compassion set out to reclaim Naomi's property. According to the law, there was a provision for a brother to marry his deceased brother's widow to have children who would be the dead brother's heirs. (Deut. 25:5,6). This marriage was known as LEVIRATE MARRIAGE. It seems that in Ruth's time the custom included a provision to other kinsmen of the dead husband. The kinsman who married in the custom of the levirate marriage was known as the kinsman redeemer because he "redeemed" or reclaimed the property of the dead brother so that it would not be lost to history.

Boaz followed all the appropriate channels (verses 9-10) to proceed with the levirate marriage and to become the kinsman redeemer for Naomi and Ruth. He was obedient to the law in all its guidelines for the marriage to Ruth. The Ephrathites came together to witness the proceedings and gave their blessing to the marriage. They prayed that the union would be blessed as were Jacobs' marriages to Leah and Rachel, who established Israel. Rachel was even buried in the city, so this blessing was a special request and symbolized their support.

The Lord answered the people's prayer. In verse 13 we read that the Lord permitted Ruth to conceive. She bore a son, Obed, who is the grandfather to David and legal ancestor to Messiah. Naomi and her friends rejoiced in the birth! This was Naomi's grandson, her son's heir. She was no longer concerned that she would live a lonely life. Because of Ruth's faithfulness, Naomi had a new family. This lesson is yet another example of God's faithfulness to provide for those who walk with Him. In the midst of darkness, Naomi and Ruth persevered in their relationship with the Lord. They trusted Him to meet their needs. Their faith was rewarded. God will provide for us too, if we will be faithful in our daily walk with Him.





The Rev. Kenneth Algenal Martin, Sr. of Warrenton, N.C. received the Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during Commencement Exercises on May 13, 1989.



William L. Davis, Jr. Installed As Mount Olive Baptist Church Pastor

By Rev. Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

Rev. William L. Davis, Jr. was installed as pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, N.C. on April 16, 1989 in a 5:00 p.m. service.

Rev. Shelton Barnes, Pastor of Cedar Landing Baptist Church, Windsor, N.C. presided at the service. Rev. Arlee Griffin, Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C. delivered the installation sermon.

Also participating were Rev. A.M. Williams, Moderator of West Roanoke Association Bertie and Hertford Counties; Reverend Raymond Lassiter, Assistant Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, N.C.; Rev. Robert Johnson, Pastor of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, New Bern, N.C.; Rev. Sherri Turner-Walton, Associate Minister, Cornerstone Greenville, N.C.; Rev. Dr. Stanley Richardson, pastor of Adorham Missionary Baptist Church, Wallace, N.C.

Stanley Richardson, pastor of Adorham Missionary Baptist Church, Wallace, N.C.

Deacon Robert Walton of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville and Deacon Gary Fisher of Guildfield M.B. Church of New Bern, N.C. were also participants.

Others participating included Sisters Emeline B. Manson and Belva Cherry; Deacons William Peele, Jr., Oscar L. Bazemore, and Robert Hinton: Trustees Clarence McGlone and Charles Smith; Brother Augustus Cofield and other members and friends of Mount Olive.

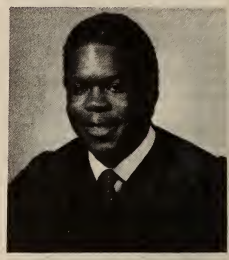
The music was presented by the combined Choirs of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Religious Background: Licensed to preach the Gospel by the Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC, 1983; Ordained to preach the Gospel by the Middle District Baptist Association, 1984; Member of the Executive Board Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association; President New Bern, Craven County Ministerial Alliance.

Pastorates: Interim pastor of Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, N.C.; Associate Minister Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C.; Pastor of the Guildfield Missionary Baptist Church, New Bern, N.C.

Education: Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh; East Carolina University, Greenville; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville.

Civic and Fraternal activities include: Craven County Voters League, Craven County and State N.A.A.C.P., Hospice Humanity, Silver Square Lodge 791, Fayetteville, NC, and Omega PSI PHI Fraternity.



Reverend William L. Davis, Jr.

Rev. Davis was born August 1, 1957. His parents are Mr. William L. Davis Sr. and Mrs. Ruthy R. Davis. He is married to the former Carla Regina James and they are the proud parents of two children; Lauren Ashley and William L. Davis III.

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Travel To New Orleans!

The General Baptist State Convention has made arrangements for transportation and lodging for the forthcoming National Baptist Convention which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 4-8, 1989. The planes will depart from the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the Douglas Airport in Charlotte on Monday, September 4th and return on Friday, September 8, 1989.

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Single occupancy — $640.00

Cost from the Charlotte-Douglas Airport:

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Single occupancy — $612.00

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A deposit of $300.00 is needed on or before July 20th and the balance is due on August 1, 1989. Please make all checks payable to the General Baptist State Convention for plane.

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Dr. Lois J. Anderson Celebrates Retirement

By Mrs. Patricia V. Casterlow

The United Institutional Baptist Church celebrated the retirement of Dr. Lois J. Anderson who has rendered fifty (50) years of service to the church. The week long activities commenced on Sunday, June 18, 1989 at the 11 a.m. worship hour with guest minister, Dr. Norman Handy. Nightly revival continued Monday-Friday, June 19-23. A retirement banquet was given by the church family by invitation only culminated the celebration.

Dr. Lois J. Anderson, a native of New York, came to "United" with her husband, the late Dr. Charles W. Anderson Sr., who pastored the church for nearly a half century. She has been very instrumental in organizing church programs such as The Ever Ready Chorus, The 7:27 Sunday Morning Service, The Thursday Night Bible Class, Vacation Bible School, and The March to Calvary.

Ministering to the sick has been one of Dr. Lois Anderson's great missions as she continues to do this daily. Many people in the United Church family and others, as well, have revealed how she has visited and prayed with them on numerous occasions in their homes and hospital rooms.

Dr. Lois Anderson has always been loved and respected by children. Little children can be seen running into her arms at any church function and at other times when they see her and she is never too tired to give a hug, a kiss, a smile, a hello.



Dr. Lois J. Anderson

Dr. Lois Anderson's special uniqueness draws everyone to her. She is, indeed, loved, respected and admired by her church family and community. The United Institutional Baptist Church salutes Dr. Lois J. Anderson as she celebrates her retirement.



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Tar River Association Woman's Auxiliary President

Mrs. Dollene T. Eatmon Selected Woman of the Year



Dollene T. Eatmon

By Durema W. Carpenter
Public Relations Chairperson
Tar River Association

On May 28, 1989, Mrs. Dollene T. Eatmon was selected WOMAN OF THE YEAR at the Red Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Stanhope, N.C., during their Woman's Day program. The plaque, the first of its kind, was presented by Dr. J.B. Woodhouse, Pastor of the church. It read: "For Dedicated and Unselfish Service to Red Oak Grove Baptist Church."

Mrs. Eatmon is a native of Nash County and is the daughter of Edward and Glendora Tabron.

She was educated in the Nash County Public School System and graduated in 1961 from Spaulding High School, Spring Hope, N.C.

Her continued educational opportunities include studies at: (1) The Institute of American, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; (2) The Regional Training Center, Raleigh, N.C.; (3) The American Institute of Banking, Raleigh, N.C.; and (4) Wake Technical College, Raleigh, N.C.

Mrs. Eatmon is presently employed at First Citizens Bank and has been for 18 years. She currently holds the position of Customer Service Representative at the Main Office, Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, N.C.

She is a very active member of her church and serves in the following capacities.

President of the Pastor's Aid Club, Secretary and member of the Deaconess Board, Member of the Choir, Coordinator of the Missionary Department.

Mrs. Eatmon's other affiliations are: President, Tar River Missionary Baptist Association Woman's Auxiliary, Woman's Home Foreign Missionary Convention year-Round Committee Chairperson for State Mission #1, Recently announced Institute Instructor for the Woman's State Convention.

She is also a member of the following Religious and Civic organizations:

A life member of the Woman's State Convention, Member, Board of Directors, United Outreach Mission of Raleigh, Inc., Member, NAACP, Member, American Institute of Banking, Member, Tar River Association Executive Board.

Mrs. Eatmon has received several honors and awards. She was Woman of Troas for two years. Honors were given by the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Eatmon is married to H.C. Eatmon and they have two children, Rhonda Lynn and Warren Keith Eatmon.

Mrs. Eatmon loves people and she loves God. She says her ultimate goal is to do the will of God and live to make Heaven her final resting place.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Erma Wayne Samuels Frazier 1908-1989



Mrs. Erma S. Frazier

Mrs. Erma Wayne Samuels Frazier, 80, of 3810 Danube Court, departed this life Monday, February 27, 1989, at her home. She was born in Cheraw, S.C., on April 2, 1908, to the late Dan and Ollie Samuels. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Tobe" Frazier.

She was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church and several organizations: executive secretary of the N.C. State Ushers Convention, former supervisor of the junior department of the Home and Foreign Forsyth County Missionary Union, supervisor of the Youth Missionary Department of the church, secretary of the anniversary committee, youth directress, advisor of the Young Adult Choir, director of the Vacation Bible School, head of the Youth Counsel, member of the Sunday School, Ushers Board, BTU, Senior Missionary Department and Effort Club.

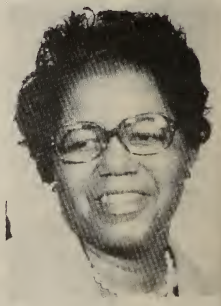
Mrs. Frazier served for 30 years as Executive Secretary of the State Ushers Convention. Mr. Arthur Williams, former President of the State Ushers Convention, told the state delegation at New Bethel the day of her funeral: "Erma Frazier kept a very accurate record of all of our state business transactions. She covered everything. She was some planner."

Eulogistic Service For Mrs. Mary Hawkins Battle 1930-1989

MARY HAWKINS BATTLE of Littleton, North Carolina departed this life after a brief illness on March 20, 1989.

Mary was the daughter of Augusta E. Hawkins and the late Johnnie E. Hawkins.

Born November 28, 1930 in Halifax County, she was baptized into Christian faith at an early age and joined the Piney Grove Baptist Church where she was faithful in the church activities. She later became a member of the Simmons Grove Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina where she was active until her health failed. Her service to mankind and loving attention to her family will remain a hallmark in our memory. She will remain forever in our hearts.



Mrs. Mary Battle

In December of 1950, Mary was united in marriage to the Rev. G.E. Battle. Together, they became the proprietors of Mergeorge Boutique, South Main Street, Littleton, North Carolina.

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McKinnon Receives Doctor Of Ministry Degree

By Rev. J. Vincent Terry
Staff Writer

The Rev. Butler McKinnon Jr., of Route 1, Battleboro, N.C. and pastor of the Pines Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Pinetops, N.C., received his doctor of ministry degree during the annual graduation exercise on June 8 at Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan, Ala. The Degree was awarded Summa Cum Laude for his scholastic achievement by the faculty and administration. His schooling includes: Nash Community College, Rocky Mount where he received an Associate Applied Science degree in Business Administration with honors; Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, NC, Bachelor of Art degree in Religion and Philosophy; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC, Master of Divinity.

He is a member of the Tar River Minister, Deacon, and Union; Director of the Progressive Tar River Association Training Institute of Life and Work, and the Middle Ground Association.



Dr. Butler McKinnon

He is a veteran of the Vietnam War where he lost both legs above the knee. He received several medals for his heroic action.

He is married to Mary Cooper McKinnon and they have five children.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1989

3	LABOR DAY
3	Baptist Training Union Promotion Day
4-10	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. New Orleans, LA
9	Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC
16	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
23	Family Missions Conference
24	Christian Education Sunday
27	Shaw University Convocation

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14	Woman's State Convention Institute, Worker's Workshop, 10 a.m. Conference Room, Baptist Headquarters
14	Woman's State Convention Program Committee, 12 noon Baptist Headquarters, Conference Room
21	Shaw Divinity School Conference on Economic Empowerment, Raleigh, NC
29-11/2	General Baptist State Convention Annual Session Charlotte, NC
30	General Baptist Foundation Board Meeting Charlotte, NC

Martin Street Hosts 1989 Lott Carey Convention

Martin Streeters extend their warmth and hospitality to approximately 4,000 Lott Carey foreign mission conventioners from Aug. 28 through Sept. 1, 1989. All convention businesses and general sessions were held at the Civic Center, and the Radisson will serve as the host hotel. Nine other hotels throughout Raleigh will be the temporary home of our guests.

As we prepare to enjoy the Convention Musicale and the formal opening of the Convention at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 28, we might take a moment to reflect on the rich history and accomplishments of this organization. This foreign mission was founded over ninety years ago in Sierra Leone, West Africa by a former Virginia slave. Humanitarianism — the ability to respond to human needs anywhere in the world — is one of the major objectives of this Christian organization. Currently, over 136 missionaries serve in Guyana, India, Kenya, Liberia and Nigeria. Each foreign station is headed by a native of the respective country. Some stations have a leprosarium, a health facility designed and equipped to serve those afflicted with leprosy.

The major organizational components and their respective presidents are:

•Women's Auxiliary — Mrs. Virginia Turner

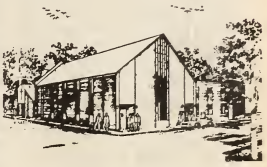
•Layman's League — Mr. John Cooley

•Youth Organization – Ms. Kimberly Watson

Dr. Wendell Sommerville is Executive Secretary of the national organization, and Dr. John Foster serves as president. The national office is located in Washington, D.C. Financial support is provided by patrons — individuals, church congregations, and local conferences and conventions. In recent years, patrons have given over $1.25 million in support of this organization's goals.

Dr. Sommerville expects missionaries to do something TO people, not merely FOR them. Training leaders for leadership — spiritual as well as professional — is one way this is accomplished. Leadership by a native of each foreign station is another means to accomplish this goal. The ability to speak the language, exhibit familiarity with local customs, and utilize contacts effectively fosters each national's ability to better accomplish the goals of their respective foreign stations.

When asked about the future of the Lott Carey organization, we might reflect on the words of Dr. Sommerville: *"This gospel shall be preached over the entire world and then the end shall come. Lott Carey will be in the vanguard in representing God until the end of time."*



Martin Street Baptist Church

Highlights Of The 1989 Lott Carey Convention

Monday, August 28	5:00 p.m.	FELLOWSHIP BANQUET, $25
	7:30 p.m.	CONVENTION MUSICALE $5; OPENING CEREMONIES
Tuesday, August 29	8:00 p.m.	ANNUAL ADDRESS, Mr. John Cooley, President, Lott Carey Layman's League
Wednesday, August 30	10:30 a.m.	REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD Rev. Norman Smith, D.D.; Rev. Edgar Reid, D.D.
	10:50 a.m.	REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER, Rev. Wendell C. Somerville, A.M. LL.D.
	11:00 a.m.	PRESENTATION OF 1989: MAGNIFICENT MEN & WOMEN OF TROAS
	2:00 p.m.	ADDRESS, Ms. Kimberly Watson, President Lott Carey Youth Department
	3:00 p.m.	PRESENTATION OF THE FAMILY OF THE YEAR
	8:15 p.m.	ANNUAL ADDRESS, Dr. John Foster, President Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention
Thursday, August 31	9:30 a.m.	SYMPOSIUM: MEANINGFUL MISSIONS
	11:30 a.m.	REPORTS: Rev. Leroy Fitts, D.D. Editor, Lott Carey Herald; Rev. James Cherry, D.D.
	12:00 p.m.	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL SERMON, Rev. Benjamin Maxon, Jr. D.D.
	3:00 p.m.	REPORT OF BOPOLU DEDICATION; VIDEO PRESENTATION. Dr. Nathaniel Tyler Lloyd
	7:00 p.m.	JOINT SESSION WITH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	8:00 p.m.	ANNUAL ADDRESS, Mrs. Virginia Turner, President, Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary
Friday, September 1	9:30 a.m.	JOINT SESSION WITH THE PARENT BODY
	11:30 a.m.	EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION
	12:00 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT
		DAILY ACTIVITIES
	6:00-7:00 a.m.	SUNRISE PRAYER SERVICE
	8:00-9:30 a.m.	STUDY COURSE PERIOD
	9:30-10:00 a.m.	HOUR OF INSPIRATION

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother pastors, moderators, presidents, other Christian leaders and members of the Baptist Fellowship.

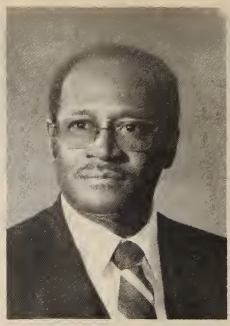
As our fiscal year 1988-89 comes to a close, I express to you my many thanks for your support, cooperation, prayers and best wishes. Whenever the reports are completed, I am sure that they will reflect an increase over the reports of last year.

We will continue to be about the business of promoting the plans and programs of our convention. We will continue to seek to motivate pastors and other leaders to respond to the needs of the convention as the convention seeks to give support to the objectives and other causes.

In order to deal with the financial obligations of the convention, 30% of the unified dollars is needed.

We are asking all pastors to consider designating their total contribution to the unified plan.

The Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention will be held at the University Park Baptist Church, October 29-November 1, 1989, Dr. James E. Palmer, pastor. Detail information regarding the annual session will be sent to all the churches within the next few weeks.



Dr. C.C. Craig

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Reservations should be paid on or before October 15, 1989.

The Bible teaches Christians to:

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"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power *they were willing of themselves;* praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints" (2 Cor. 8:3-4).

GIVE — *SACRIFICIALLY*

"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; *but she of her want did cast in all that she had,* even all her living" (Mark 12:43-44).

GIVE — *PURPOSEFULLY*

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, *the half of my goods I give to the poor;* and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold" (Luke 19:8).

GIVE — *INCREASINGLY*

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye *abound in this grace also*" (2 Cor. 8:7).

GIVE — *LIBERALLY*

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

GIVE — *FAITHFULLY*

"Moreover it is *required in stewards, that a man be found faithful* . . . Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . ." (I Cor. 4:2, 16:2).

GIVE — *COMPASSIONATELY*

"But whoso hath this world's good, and *seeth his brother have need,* and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17).

GIVE — *GLADLY*

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for *God loveth a cheerful giver*" (2 Cor. 9:7).

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Congress Approves Large Increase For WIC Program

I was pleased to read a report by **Bread for the World,** a grassroots Christian citizens' movement against hunger, that talked about new WIC funding.

Jesus said we must feed the hungry. More than 230,000 additional malnourished mothers and children in the United States will receive healthy foods and nutrition counseling next year as a result of today's congressional approval of a $118 million above current services funding increase to expand the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

The funding increase is the largest for the WIC program in five years, and will allow most WIC clinics to increase their case loads by approximately five percent in 1990. More importantly, the funding will help reduce the number of low birth weight babies, infant deaths and hungry children in the United States.

"Our nation is beginning to put its money where its heart is," said Barbara Howell of Bread for the World, the grassroots Christian citizens' movement against hunger. "I am very pleased that the health of our children is now becoming a top budget priority at our nation's capital."

Bread for the World members have campaigned for WIC increases this year by holding special "Offering of Letters" church services, and by mailing small birthday candles to Congress with a request that they "Keep WIC Lit." The organization has been calling for a $150 million increase in WIC for each of the next five years. "While we are pleased with the $118 million increase," said Howell, "the WIC program will still be unable to reach more than three million other eligible mothers and children. More increases of at least this size will be needed in the coming years."

The WIC increase was finalized during a Senate floor vote July 27 on appropriations for 1990. The total budget approved for WIC in FY1990 will be $2.126 billion, allowing the program to reach an estimated total of 4.1 million pregnant women, infants, and young children who are at nutritional risk. The House approved a similar amount for WIC on July 18, at which time many members of Congress made note of the importance of the increase. Rep. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii called the WIC increase "a hallmark of this fiscal year 1990 appropriations bill," and Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb., said it was the "number one priority of this legislation."

"I am quite pleased that despite the tight budget," said Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., "the bill is able to increase funding for WIC." Rep. Mike Espy, D-MS, echoed these remarks, "There is strong bipartisan consensus that expanding WIC to reach more of those eligible is one of the most effective investments of limited Federal resources."

WIC supporters hope that this will be the first of many large funding increases during the next five years so that the WIC program can be fully funded. "Our work is far from done," said Rep. George Miller, D-Cal. "Current funding allows us to reach only about 50 percent of those who are eligible."

Rep. Nick Joe Rahall, D-WV, noted that "In my Fourth District in West Virginia, where less than one-half of all those eligible for WIC are currently being served, these additional funds are urgently needed and will be gratefully received." According to Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore., "In my own state of Oregon, only 55 percent of those eligible are able to participate in this program. That means that almost 40,000 eligible needy pregnant women and children in Oregon alone are going without proper nutrition during their most vulnerable days. This appropriation bill will help change that."

I am calling on all General Baptist Pastors, Officers, and members to encourage malnourished mothers and children in your area to take advantage of this program. We can use our Sunday Schools and Missionary Circles to help get this good news out into our communities.

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"Blessed Assurance. . ."

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"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is (Ours)."

Through some of the experiences of our 105th Annual Session were we reminded that Jesus is ours. As usual then are we grateful to God and to all of you who shared and/or helped the session to be successful. ". . . In Christian Stewardship" must we give the best that we can as we were reminded during the session. Our task in Christian missions still calls for us to serve in our local and individual positions and be good stewards.

To Gethsemane Baptist Church and Rev. C.E. Dewberry, our Woman's Convention extends many thanks for your serving as host church and pastor.

The progress financial report for the first 10 months of the 1988-89 fiscal year showed that the amount of $351,35.17 has been received toward the goal of $517,955.30 for our missions' budget. A balance of approximately $167,000.00 is needed to realize the needed funds for those with whom we share for this fiscal year, ending Aug. 31, 1989.

The proposed 1989-90 Budget is $546,599.99. Let us assure others that Jesus can bless them through us.

Family Missions Conference

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Summary of September 1989 Sunday School Lessons



The Rev. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

A new year of Sunday School begins with this series of summaries. As we begin the year, let us commit ourselves to obey the command to study to show ourselves approved. Let's put forth the effort to prayerfully study and prepare for each lesson, to take part in our class and to share the Good News of the Lord. If we are faithful, God will richly bless. He is faithful and just, and these attributes of His personality are re-emphasized in the lessons for September. The unit is called "Ezekiel: God's Concern for Judah." Our study explores the apocalyptic book of Ezekiel, and reveals how God cared for Judah despite the people's rebellious ways.

Suggestions to enhance the lessons:

— Encourage students to read the daily readings that coincide with each week's lessons;

— Display maps to show where the events took place;

— Have students summarize key points of the lesson at its conclusions;

— Select a thought from the lesson for students to carry with them through the coming week;

— Discuss how the issues Israel faced apply to our lives today;

— Present acrostics of key words in a lesson for students to complete;

— Begin a prayer chain within your class to reinforce God's concern and the class concern for one another;

— Bring anatomical pictures or models to help students visualize the complexity and beauty of how God made us.

LESSON I — Text: Ezekiel 1:4-6, 15-20, 26-28.

There is some background that is important to know in order to gain the full understanding of where our lesson begins. The tribe of Judah was in captivity in Babylon; they had been defeated by king Nebuchadnezzar and were a long way from home. The text begins by describing a marvelous vision that Ezekiel had. In the vision, Ezekiel hears the Lord reminding him that "although you are a long way from home, I have not forsaken you." Wherever we are the Lord is there. The Lord also wanted to tell Ezekiel that he had a job to do. This would not be an easy job; Ezekiel would be the Lord's spokesman to Judah. He would have to tell Judah "what thus saith the Lord" regardless of the reception he got from Judah.

In the vision, as it unfolded to Ezekiel, there was a presence. A presence that Ezekiel recognized as a likeness of the glory of God. He knew that no man could look upon the full glory of God (Exodus 33:17-23), but He knew God was there. The appearance was so marvelous that Ezekiel fell to his knees in awe and reverence.

We too can behold God's glory through His Son as we study the Word. Jesus told us "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father," (John 14:9). God speaks to us today in His Word in the same way He spoke to Ezekiel. And just as God had a task for Ezekiel, He has a task for us. Seek him, even in a strange land; the Lord in all His glory is with you. He has a job just for you, right where you are and right now.

LESSON II — Text: Ezekiel 18:2-4, 19-20.

This lesson looks at how God continues to demonstrate His care and concern for Judah. Here we see that the Lord sent Ezekiel to the 10,000 Israelites held captive in Babylon. The message in today's text is one the people had a hard time receiving; it brought to their attention that they were wrong in their common use of proverb. They were using the proverb to excuse their sin; to blame someone else, their forefathers for the plight they were in. The people of Judah were not accepting their responsibility for their sin.

The Lord wanted Judah and us to know that we are accountable for our actions, and that the punishment for sin is death. He wanted to clear up the idea that He punishes children for their father's wrongdoing, while children may bear some of the consequences of their father's sins. Through Ezekiel God said that each person is going to answer for his/her own actions. The punishment for sin is death. The reward for walking with the Lord is eternal life with the Lord. God gives us an opportunity to choose the path we take. All we have to do is come to Jesus. We can be forgiven and have eternal life. In choosing eternal life there are two things we must do: Turn away from sin and cultivate the clean heart, the Lord has given to each person who has surrendered his/her life to Him. You are personally accountable for what you do. You will have to answer to the Lord for what you do. Ask the Lord to direct you; seek Him and He will guide you as you make choices.

LESSON III — Text: Ezekiel 34:11-31.

This lesson shows God's plan to bring Judah out of captivity. It was a two-fold plan of emancipation:

1. Freedom from the oppression of the Israelite leaders or shepherds.

2. Freedom from the oppression of Babylon.

The problem facing Judah is similar to that facing disenfranchised people in our country and the world over today. Those who have money and power oppress those who do not. Those who are deprived suffer more from power lessness than poverty. The very laws that were designed to protect the people oppress them.

In this time of captivity, like today, God will rescue His sheep from bad shepherds. Verse 22 tells us that God would deliver the Israelites from the oppressors among them, the bad shepherds, before they would be freed from Babylon's bondage. Remember that the captivity resulted from the sin of the Israelites. God was passing judgment on Judah for the wrong they had done individually and the wrong the shepherds had done against the people they were supposed to lead — their own people.

In Verse 22 and 23 God promises to rescue His flock. He also promises to send a good shepherd to care for His flock. This promise extends to us too. This verse directs us to Jesus, the Good Shepherd who would give His life for His sheep. God promised to rescue and bless Israel. We have the same opportunity for salvation and blessing through Jesus. Israel had to remain faithful to receive the blessing and so must we. We must be obedient to God's word. This reinforces last week's lesson — we are responsible for our choices. We will rise again. Where we spend eternity is determined by our choices while we live. What is your choice?

LESSON IV — Text: Ezekiel 37:3-14.

The fourth lesson in the series "God's Concern for Judah" is taken from a familiar text — Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones. Here God is revealing that in Him there is hope, there is life. To those who will listen and obey, God promises life. God speaks to Israel through Ezekiel. A key point about Ezekiel that we find in Verse 3 is his humility before the Lord. As Ezekiel is in the valley, God speaks to him and asks, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel recognized God's amazing and limitless power; he knew that he was in this place for a reason. Ezekiel was open to whatever the Lord had prepared. Rather than responding out of what he physically saw, Ezekiel responded in faith in the Lord. He said, "O, God, thou knowest."

God's Word came forth through His prophet and order came out of confusion. The bones scattered and lying around responded to the Lord's Word and took orderly form, each bone finding its proper place in the body. God's promise in Verses 5 and 6 was fulfilled with Ezekiel's obedience to prophesy as God commanded. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, THINGS HAPPEN. God's Word brought life to the dry bones in the desert, and if we will yield to the Word, we too will have life. God's Word can change a heart of stone into a heart of flesh just as it changed the scattered dry bones into a living army.

During this point in Israel's history, there was despair; the people believed their nation was dead. In Verses 12-14, God gives Israel a message of hope. He says, "I will do this and you will know that I have done what I said." The Lord is faithful to His promises. On this fact Israel had to learn to stand. On this fact we too can stand. Despite our sins, there is hope in Jesus. We have no reason for despair. Because of the empty tomb, we have the opportunity of eternal hope. But when our sins bring us to a point of depression and utter loss we can look to Jesus — the Resurrection and the Life — receive Him and receive life. When God promises, He delivers. He was faithful to Israel and He is faithful to us. God has told us the road that leads to destruction and the road of life. He has shown you the way, which will YOU choose?



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By Mr. Cleveland Griffin,
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(Editor's Note: President Griffin delivered this address during the 1989 GBSC Usher's Convention, Shelby, N.C.)

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I am here to give account of my stewardship for this year.

Do You Have On
The Right Uniform?
Matthew 22:11-12

I want to especially call your attention to verse 11 & 12. For, in these verses, it hardly seems possible that this could be an accurate account of the way intelligent people would treat an invitation from the God of this Universe. When He goes to the trouble and expense to make ready a great banquet in honor of his only Son and sends out invitations to people to come and be His honored guests, you would think that intelligent people would put forth every effort possible to stand. For instance, if the President of these United States, would send you an engraved invitation, saying that he was giving a banquet next Saturday night at the White House in honor of his son, and he invited you as his guest, regardless of your present attitude toward the President, you would consider such an invitation a great honor. You would certainly want your neighbors and friends to know about it. I imagine you would want a note in the society column of the paper. No doubt you would go to great expense to attend such a banquet. Yet, Jesus tells us in this parable, that God is preparing a banquet in honor of His Only Son, and that He has sent out urgent invitations that people make ready to come to that banquet. Regretfully, Jesus says, they would not come, and when the King sent out his servants against and urged them to come, they still ignored his invitation they just went their way, some to their farms, some to their merchandise, and some even became angry with the servants and entreated them spitefully and slew them. Jesus said that the attitude taken toward God's invitation, certainly that is the attitude that they took during the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. When He Himself pleaded with them and urged them to accept His invitation, they became angry and killed Him. People are taking that same attitude today. Mention the name of Jesus, people become hostile, and bitter in many instances. Many are going on about their business, acting as if they are going to live a million years. And when they die, they act as if that will be the last of it. After death, there is a judgment. Now, I know some don't believe that God becomes angry. They don't believe in eternal punishment. Friends, we need to remember that Jesus Christ not only told us about a place of many mansions, but He told us about a place where the worm dieth not, and the fire isn't quenched. He says that He will say unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels, and these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:41,46. Jesus, Himself, not only revealed the love of God, but He revealed the Wrath of God. Be sure your sins will find you out. Friends, the Christ who took little children up in His arms and blessed them, and He who looked upon people with compassion, is the same Christ who stood in the Temple with blazing eyes, with whipcords in His hands, turned over the money-changers table, drove them out of His presence and said. My house shall be called the house of Prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the same Christ who stood with blazing eyes and said to the Pharisees, you hypocrites! You vipers! You whited sepulchres, how can you escape the damnation of hell? Friends, if you think sin is a little thing in the sight of God, then stand at Calvary and see Jesus Christ as He hangs there and dies; hangs between Heaven and earth and cries out, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? If you will remember that He is dying in your stead, and my stead, that He is paying the price of your redemption, that He is suffering the consequences of your sin. You will come to see that sin isn't a little thing in the sight of God.

Sin has paralyzed the lives of many. I read a story about a couple in Atlanta, Georgia, who was a devout, consecrated couple and wealthy. They had a son, who went away to a well known university. After returning back home, he wouldn't attend church, but made fun of religion. It broke his father's and mother's hearts. They were greatly concerned about him, so they invited a great friend, a minister into their home, with the hope that he would make contact with their son and might be able to help him. The minister did come and became very fun of their son. He was a brilliant, highly educated man. One day as he and this young man were walking in the flower garden, the young man said to him, I don't see how you can be a Christian, a highly educated, intelligent man like yourself. The minister and I have no trouble being a Christian. It is the most pleasant thing in the world to me. The young man said minister. I don't see how you can accept the Bible as the Inspired Word of God. It is full of contradictions. Suppose you point some of them to me replied the minister. The young man said, Well doesn't the Bible say that God is love? Certainly, it says that, that I believe it with all my heart. The young man said, well, minister, how can you reconcile those two statements: How can God be love and at the same time be a consuming fire? The minister pointed to a flower growing at his feet, and said, see the flower there? It couldn't live without the sun, it gets its beauty, its life from the sun. If it weren't for the benefits and blessings of the sun, that flower would either die or be a pale, sickly thing. Isn't that right? Yes sir, that is right. The minister reached down and pulled the flower up by the roots and dropped it right back where it had been before and said to the young man, what will happen to that flower? It will wither it will die, it will perish. And he said what will kill it? What will parch it. The answer is — the sun. He said, that's strange! You stood their and told me that the flower couldn't live without sun, that it life and light and beauty from the sun. Now, you turn around and tell me that the sun will parch and kill that flower. That sounds like a contradiction to me. How do you reconcile those two statements? The young man said, the roots of the flower are out of the ground now. It is not in right relationship to receive the benefits and blessings of the sun, the minister said, yes, young man, that same thing is true with reference to God. If you are rooted and grounded in Christ, living in harmony with God's plan and purpose for your life, then God is love, and God is life, and God is beauty. But if you are out of Christ and out of harmony with God, then God become a consuming to you. It isn't any change in the nature of God, it altogether depends on your attitude and your relationship to Him.

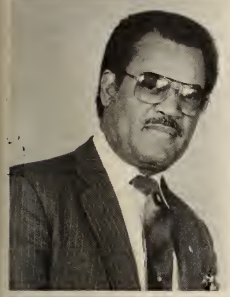
The second part of this parable was a puzzle to me as a young man. It's that part after the first people rejected the invitation, and the King said, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore, into the highways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage. Now: if you don't accept God's invitation, if you don't prepare to go to the wedding supper of the Lamb, you will not frustrate the plan of God, you can keep on rejecting Him, but God's plan will go on. You can lose your own soul, but God will have guests at the wedding supper. There won't be any for rent signs on the mansion in Glory. Every mansion will be occupied, everyone is going to have an inhabitant. We can go our way and reject God's invitation, but He will send the invitation to others and keep sending it until it has gone around the world and has reached all mankind. There was one man on this second round, who accepted the invitation. He came in response to the invitation to the King. And the only thing said against that man is that he didn't have on a wedding garment, and for that reason, and that reason alone, the King said to the servants, bind him hand foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth for many are called, but few are chosen. I thought surely, there was some mistake about this young man being in outer darkness. I read it, studied it, but couldn't understand why that fellow stood there like a dumbbell and didn't offer an excuse to the King. I thought, if I had been in that man's place, when the King asked me, Friend, how comest thou hither not having on a wedding garment? I would have said, well, it's like this. I'm a poor man. I've been out of work, and I don't have a nickel in my pocket. Fact is, I haven't had a square meal for two days. I was walking down the street, when your servant came rushing up and told me that this banquet was being given, that the oxen and the fattlings were already killed, and everything was ready and that I could come. Certainly, I wanted to. I'm hungry, but I don't have money to buy a wedding garment, so I came in the garment I had. I thought this would be a good excuse. Secondly I thought, if I had been in that man's place, I would have said to the King, well, you see, it's like this. I was walking down the street here, and your servants came rushing up and told me about this banquet, told me what you were going to have and all of that, but he didn't tell me that I was supposed to have on a wedding garment, had I known that then I would have tried to comply with your request; but since I didn't know it, I just came like I was. I thought that would be a good excuse. But after a close study of the parables of Jesus, I was able to discover that when the great King made a marriage for his son, he always furnished the wedding garments. He purchased them, without any cost to the guests. As the guests came in the door, he had a servant take their street garments. They wore long flowing robes and they could just lay one off, and put another one on. This servant stood at the door, and as the guests came in, he would say, here is your wedding garment. I'll take the one you have on. Each one went in wearing the wedding garment because the King had provided it. When I read that, the whole thing opened up to me. I saw the application, I saw why that man was speechless. He had no excuse. He couldn't say that he was too poor to buy a wedding garment, because he didn't have to buy one. It was furnished free. All he had to do was to put on and wear it to the honor and the glory of God.

SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

"All Things Are Possible"



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President, Shaw University

In the vestibule of the Learning and Resource Center at Shaw University, a check blown up to giant size is on display: Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Barbara McSweeney, President of the Shaw University National Alumni Association; Thomas E. Kee, representing the faculty and staff of Shaw University, and Robert Morgan, representing businesses, corporations, foundations and friends.

While it is appropriate to thank all groups that contributed to the success of our Endowment Fund Drive, this article is an attempt to express our gratitude to the Baptist of North Carolina. You moved with that faith which declares that "all things are possible . . ."

When Dr. J.B. Humphrey signed the check that symbolized a successful fund raising campaign, he was representing "people power," the combined efforts of associations, auxiliaries, conventions and churches. He had set the tone by preaching that it could be done. Along with his major henchmen, the Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention, the Executive Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig, and the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Convention, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, the General Baptist State Convention's membership was inspired to support the drive.

Your willingness to make sacrificial contributions has been rewarding. The Federal government has matched our $1,000,000.00 with $2,000,000.00 which gives us a total of $3,000,000.00 as we seek to bring financial stability to Shaw by creating an adequate endowment.

While we are proud of your accomplishment and of your faith that says "all things are possible . . .," we cannot rest on our laurels. To strengthen the institution financially, we must ask the churches, our alumni, our friends and the corporate community to continue in regular and consistent giving.

To look at the cost of education at some of the better known institutions ranging from $12,000.00 to $20,000.00 institution such as Shaw which strives opportunities for all worthy students regardless of their economic status.

It also illustrates that Shaw believes all things are possible . . . In fact, that type of faith was born when the founder, Dr. Henry Martin Supper, started the institution on the proverbial shoe string.

Let all of us continue in the faith that all things are possible . . . Let that faith lead us into action dedicated to the proposition of improving Shaw and its quality of education.

Again, on behalf of the trustees, faculty, staff and students, I thank you, the Baptists of North Carolina, for showing that people power which can say to mountains, "Be removed!" and they will vanish as road blocks to upward climb.

What we have done is only the prologue to what we can and must do. Educating our young people for the global life can occupy our thoughts. To be very realistic, education is the best alternative I know to the growing and costly prison population. We cannot afford to neglect it.

From time-to-time, we will be making progress reports to our church supporters. You deserve to know, and during my administration will be informed, as to how your contributions are being used. And together, Shaw and the churches, we will continue to show that "all things are possible for those who believe."

Homecoming Dates Are Set

Shaw University will celebrate its annual Founder's Day Homecoming November 17-19. Events scheduled for the week are:

November 15, Coronation of Miss Shaw University.

November 16, Hall of Fame Banquet.

November 17, Founder's Day Observance, Founder's Day Luncheon, Meeting of Class Reunions ('4 & '9), Alumni Banquet.

November 18, Alumni Breakfast Meeting, Raleigh Christmas Parade, Basketball Game (Knoxville College), Alumni Cabaret.

November 19, Worship Service.



AND SPEND TIME ALONE IN PRAYER

A Spirit Revived

By Dr. J.W.Fleming
Contributing Editor

A dormitory, Shaw Hall, stood on Shaw University's campus from the early 1870's to the middle 1960's. What is not generally known is that students, many of whom had been ex-slaves, made the bricks for that building from clay that came from the campus ground. Their effort was typical of the spirit that marked Shaw's early days. It was a spirit of everyone pitching in to do what needed to be done. There was no passing the buck, so saying, "let George do it." Responsibility was part of the spirit of the corporate community.

Recent signs indicate a revival of that spirit. On one of the hottest days of this summer, I noticed a group painting several permanent fixtures on the campus: the railings on the bridge connecting two segments of the campus, the reflection pool, etc. Some investigation on my part revealed that Dr. Alvin H. McLean, Vice President for Student Affairs and a recent addition to Shaw's administrative cadre, had the members of his division working on the campus as part of a beautification project — It was a revival of the spirit of those ex-slaves who worked with their hands in order to make available learning for their minds.

Sometime ago I went in to the Learning Resources Center which houses the library, archives and radio station. I saw Dr. Benjamin Williams, the head librarian, dressed in work clothes and discovered that he was painting the interior of the library. It was no sloven job that he was doing for he is a master painter.

Mr. Mack Sowell, dean of students, can often be seen dressed in his laboring clothes, planting flowers, pulling up weeds, picking up litter and doing whatever is necessary to increase the beauty of the campus.

Mr. Charles Brown, Director of the Shaw Band, can do more than wield a baton. He, too, is pretty good with the brush and has used that talent to paint the band room. Then, there is Mr. Alphonso Carter. He has performed yeomen service in cutting grass, trimming trees and doing other things to add beauty to the campus. All of these things have been done in spite of the responsibilities as a coach and recruiter.

Mr. Keith Smith, Director of the Upward Bound Program, has engaged in both painting and carpentry work to improve the appearance of his work area.

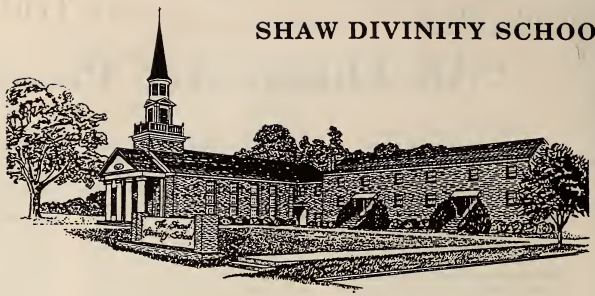
Dr. William Spann, long-time Director of Athletics, has done remarkable work in improving the appearance of the gym.

All of these people, along with others, have gone over and beyond the call to duty. They have not been so narrow as to limit their activities to their special assignments and to the area of their expertise. Rather, they have been part of the revitalization of a spirit that gave impetus to Shaw in its early days.

Not only have they done so, but they have done it without fanfare, without blaring trumpets, and without seeking the plaudits of men. There can be nothing but success for an institution whose workers are possessed with a sacrificial spirit.

Such a spirit should motivate the rest of us to find our own way of contributing to Shaw and to its well-being. Let us join the revival, the re-birth, the renaissance that is now going on at our beloved Shaw.

SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWS



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Tentative Class Schedule Fall 1989

Master of Divinity

Course No.	Course Name	Day	Time
B 603	Survey of New Testament I	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
T 643	Systematic Theology I	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
PM 788	Baptist Hist. Pol. & Doc.	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
PM 584	Music in Christian Worship	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
H 521	Hist. of the Christian Ch. I	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
S 700	Thesis Seminar I	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
PM 560	Homiletics (Preaching) I	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
PX 501	Christian Education	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
PR 520	Blk. Ch. in Econ. & Polit. Emp.	Sat.	1:00 p.m.
PP 503	Pastoral Counseling	Sat.	1:00 p.m.
PX 507	Ldrshp. Trng. in the Church	Sat.	1:00 p.m.
H 521	Hist. of the Chr. Ch. I	Tues./Thurs.	1:30 p.m.
B 608	New Testament Greek I	Tues./Thurs.	3:00 p.m.
TBA	Ministry Elective TBA	Tues.	7:00 p.m.
PM 789	United Church of Christ Policy	Thurs.	7:00 p.m.

The Diploma In Theology

PM 388	Baptist Hist., Pol. & Doc.	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
B 101	Survey of the Old Testament	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
T 243	Systematic Theology	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
B 201	New Testament Greek	Sat.	7:30 a.m.
B 203	Survey of the New Testament	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
H 121	Church History	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
PP 103	Pastoral Counseling	Sat.	10:20 a.m.
PM 101	Writing and Research Seminar	Sat.	2:30 p.m.
PM 160	Homiletics	Sat.	2:30 p.m.
PX 101	Christian Education	Sat.	2:30 p.m.

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Landmark Study Shows Black Role In Bible

By Henry Duvall

Reprinted from The Carolinian.

After eight years of research, Dr. Cain Hope Felder, a professor at the Howard University School of Divinity, has emerged with what has been considered a "landmark study" on blacks in the Bible.

"Troubling Biblical Waters: Race, Class and Family," recently released by Orbis Books of Maryknoll, N.Y., illuminates the presence of blacks in the Bible, providing "some sorely needed correctives . . .," says the author.

"The mistaken notion widely persists that the relation of black people to the Bible is a post-biblical experience," he notes. "Such historical distortions, created by Eurocentric scholars and missionaries to the detriment of blacks, have long been one of my concerns."

The 223-page paperback, the author's first published book, dispels various myths, especially the notion that blacks had no "substantive history" prior to 1600, says Felder in an interview.

"There is evidence of black influence in the shaping of biblical narratives thousands of years before Christ," he emphasizes.

In his book, the professor of New Testament language and literature says that after conducting studies in Egypt, he found the ancient Pharaohs of several Egyptian dynasties to be, for the most part, black.

"Whether we call these Pharaohs black, Afroasiatic, or Negroid does not matter," he writes. "The substantive point is that they were not Caucasians."

He also points out in "Troubling Biblical Waters" that there is a strong presence of black people in the Old Testament. "Many of these passages attest to the greatness and power of African blacks participating in the salvation drama of ancient Israel," he maintains.

"It has always struck me as incredible that modern scholars have so much difficulty acknowledging the existence of black Jews before Jesus Christ." But he writes that the critical point is that ". . . if one considers the Hebrew exodus story as a historical event, we have to reckon with the fact that these liberated Hebrews were most probably a racially mixed stock of people — Afroasiatics."

Felder also discusses the controversy surrounding the racial identity of the ancient Queen of Sheba, arguing in an entire chapter that evidence indicates that she was black and considered in some circles as "the queen of Egypt and Ethiopia."

"For centuries, Western scholarship (whether Jewish, Christian or Muslim) displayed a tendency to regard this queen as a legendary figure from South Arabia; usually there was also a strong implication that she was not a black African woman," he notes in the book.

Says Felder, who is also editor of the "Journal of Religious Thought" at Howard, "From all of the data surveyed thus far, it would appear that the ancient Queen of Sheba was indeed of Negro ancestry."

Studies in England as well as Egypt contributed to Felder's eight-year research. His review of various literature has included several versions of the Bible in addition to a number of scholarly translations.

Asked why the black presence in the Bible has been ignored, the professor responds, "It's a subtle form of academic racism, which appears at times to be liberal, nominally Christian, but basically Eurocentric. It is engaged in falsification of history and undermines the whole notion of cultural and racial pluralism.

"We have consistently recast the personalities of the Bible into the likeness or images of the dominant racial groups of modern Western civilization."

The author also addresses the role of women in the Bible. "There are commanding images of women in leadership roles. There is evidence in the New Testament that women have functioned as ministers."

Dr. Clarice J. Martin, a professor at the Princeton Theological Seminary, says Felder's book is "destined to change forever the way scholars, teachers, preachers, and all serious students of the Bible reflect upon, teach and preach biblical narratives . . ."

"Troubling Biblical Waters" has been so well-received that it is already in its second printing, according to Orbis Books, a small publishing house.

The book is primarily targeted to black church leaders and seminarians, as well as to the larger theological community, says Felder, who holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University. "I firmly believe that black people need to 'trouble the waters' with perspectives and information not unusually addressed by discrete theological curricula."



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Teacher Training Conferences

By
The Rev. Dr. Leo Williams Jr.
Director

TEACHER TRAINING CONFERENCES

1. Six Teacher Training Conferences are scheduled to be held at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, North Carolina, on Saturday, Sept. 23, 1989. Registration and preparation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Conference sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m.

2. The following conferences (classes) are scheduled: Conference I — Church Administration; Conference II — Sunday School Administration and Teaching; Conference III — Baptist Training Union Administration/Teaching; Conference IV — Laymen's League Ministry; Conference V — Church Usher's Ministry; Conference VI — Church Music Ministry.

3. The express purpose of these conferences is to help prepare persons to be able to instruct in institutes, conduct workshops, and serve as resources for Churches, Associations and State Auxiliaries. The six conferences will go on at the same time, each in a different class setting. A component resource person will be in charge of each class. Following the successful completion of two training sessions, persons will be awarded certificates and their names will be placed on the statewide roster of instructors.

4. Persons must be regularly supportive members of a Baptist Church, and at least eighteen years old, with an intense desire to teach in some area of the work of the church, and a growing love for people.

5. The registration is $10.00 per person made payable to the General Baptist State Convention. Please contact the Department of Christian Education, Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. Telephone (919) 821-7466.

6. The next Conference Session will be Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989.

Pastor Awarded Honorary Degree

By Rev. E.C. Reaves
Secretary of Seneca
River Ministerial Alliance

The Rev. George Haywood Washington of 300 South Poplar Street in Seneca, South Carolina, was awarded a honorary doctoral degree of Humane Letters by Morris College, located in Sumter, S.C., May 14, 1989. This award was presented to Rev. G.H. Washington in recognition of the thirty-one (31) years of untiring labor he has rendered as a minister of the Gospel, public school teacher and principal, his services as President of the Teachers Association of Warren County, North Carolina, and for his generous giving to Morris College's Scholarship Fund.

Morris College, established in 1911, is a fully accredited historically black coeducational liberal arts college and is operated by the South Carolina Baptist Educational & Missionary State Convention, which is based in Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. Luns C. Richardson is President of the College.

Rev. G.H. Washington was born in Anderson County, near Belton in December 1906 to the late Mr. Henry George Washington and late Mrs. Tecora Seaborn Washington. He attended the Seneca Public Schools, Seneca Junior College, and Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte, North Carolina, where he earned a B.A. degree in History/English. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University of Detroit, Michigan in 1952 and a Master's Degree in Education and Divinity from Shaw University's Divinity School of Raleigh, North Carolina in 1980 at age 73.

After college Mr. Washington began training and instructing boys and girls. His public education career began in 1931 (at the beginning of the Great Depression) in Walhalla Public Schools, before moving to the North Carolina Public School System, where in 1940 he became Principal of the North Warren High school, located in Wise, North Carolina. He served in this capacity till 1972.



Rev. George H. Washington

Called into the Ministry in 1943, Rev. Washington served as Associate Pastor to Baptist churches in the North Carolina towns of Paschall and Wise and as a Chaplain of Prison Ministry in Warrenton.

He is a lifetime member of the following organizations: the NAACP; the Golden Heritage Club of the NAACP; S.C. Educational & Missionary State Baptist Convention; National Baptist Convention; and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

He is also a 33rd degree Mason and a member of its United Supreme Council and A.A.S.R. of the Southern Masonry Jurisdiction. In addition, he has been a loyal member of its Seneca Lodge No. 204 for the last sixty-three (63) years.

Presently, Rev. Washington is a member and Associate Pastor of the Ebenezar Baptist Church of Seneca, South Carolina, and is a very faithful participant in the Seneca River Baptist Ministerial Alliance.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

God's Grace In The Storm

By Rev. Henry L. Edmonds

On that memorable night of May 5, 1989, I saw the grace of God riding the turbulent winds of a tornado as it came through Durham, North Carolina. Though I really only saw its aftermath, it made me keenly aware of the psalmist's vivid imagery in Psalm 46:

"God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence. There is a river that brings joy to the city of God, to the sacred house of the Most High. God is in that city, and it will never be destroyed; at early dawn he will come to its aid."

I believe that God took up residence in the midst of Ebenezer Baptist Church on that night of May 5 and the winds of adversity came and shook that old building to its very foundation. A large portion of the roof and walls gave way to its powerful force. Yet, there is a river of peace in the midst of Ebenezer and God is resident there. Don't you know that if God is there, it will never be destroyed? He will come and see about us. He will protect us and keep us in spite of the winds and rains.

When early dawn came up over Durham and the winds had ceased, and the rains had stopped, I went to survey our losses. I was not so much concerned about the building, but I was looking for the church, and I knew like I had never known before, that Jesus was in the midst of it. Not a life was lost. Not a body was broken. Jesus was in the midst of Ebenezer and the storm clouds may rise and the strong winds may blow, but Ebenezer shall never be destroyed.

While I was out surveying our losses I stopped by one of our older member's house to see how she was because she lived in the direct path of the storm. When I got there, she was still praising the name of the Lord. And that little old lady told me that when she heard the awful roaring winds of that storm, she did not run to her closet and hide. She did not get in her bed and pull the covers up over her head. She didn't even become afraid. She told me that she just began to sing and praise the Lord. In a very real way this little old lady had seen the grace of God riding the turbulent winds of that powerful tornado. She can say like nobody else, "God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken . . ."

We thank God for Sister Seate and all those who have learned to trust in the Lord. Moreover, the officers, members and pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church wish to thank all of our friends and supporters for the many prayers, offers of help, assistance, and financial gifts with which we have been blessed since that memorable night of May 5, 1989. The Bible tells us from Ezra 2:68 that, "When the exiles arrived at the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem, some of the leaders of the clans gave free will offerings to help rebuild the Temple on its old site. They gave as much as they could for this work."

Should you like to do what these leaders did, you may send your free will offerings to the Ebenezer Baptist Church Building Fund, 2200 South Alston Avenue, Durham, N.C. 27707. God is good and His love, grace and mercy are everlasting. Again, let us take this time to say thank you for your support, but please know that Ebenezer Baptist Church is alive and fully functional through Christ our Lord.

Dasha M. Jackson National Black History Maker

(Editor's note: Dasha M. Jackson is the daughter of General Baptist State Convention Health & Human Service Director Mr. Curtis Jackson.)

Oak Brook, IL — While most students have bid farewell to teachers, textbooks and classrooms for the summer, ten of the country's outstanding high school students were back in class to attend the second annual "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" Leadership Conference, held June 20-23 at McDonald's Hamburger University.

The students were named 1989 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" last February on the basis of their scholarship, character and leadership, as part of the company's observance of Black History Month.

The national conference, the only one of its kind, brought together some of the country's most distinguished black leaders in business, education, politics and communications, to dialogue with the ten future leaders and history makers of tomorrow.

"The Leadership Conference is designed to challenge our ten 'McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow' to reach their fullest potential. McDonald's has always believed in recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding youth and providing them opportunities for the future. As an example, 25 years ago I began my career at McDonald's as a crew person," said Robert Beavers, now McDonald's senior vice president and member of the corporation's board of directors.

"The conference also serves as a two-day learning experience for these outstanding students and some of the country's foremost black leaders," Beavers said.

The 10 national winners are: Karima Abdul-Sharif, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Changa H. Cannon, Hyattsville, Maryland; Sadarryle A. Hill, Fairmont, North Carolina; Dasha M. Jackson, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Sonja C. Jackson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Warinda E. Johnson, Houston, Texas; James L. Reese, Miami, Florida; J. Michael Reinchenbach, Bluffton, Ohio; John K. Stuckey, Columbia, South Carolina; and Nancy L. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Leadership Conference participants included Beavers, Louisiana State Senator Cleo Fields; nationally known motivational speaker, Patricia Russell-McCloud; Thomas Burrell, chairman of Burrell Communications Group and founder of Burrell Advertising, the country's largest minority-owned advertising agency; Juan Williams, **Washington Post Magazine** writer and author of the book **Eyes of the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965**; Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief, **Essence** magazine, and Dr. Mary Frances Berry, commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

McDonald's is the world's leading food service organization, serving 22 million people each day in more than 10,500 restaurants in 50 countries. Seventy-five percent of McDonald's restaurant businesses are locally owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

Benjamin W. Mittman Called to East White Oak

By L.T. Barrett, Sr.
Chairman Publicity Committee



Rev. and Mrs. B.W. Mittman and family

Rev. Benjamin W. Mittman was elected as Pastor of East White Oak Missionary Baptist Church February 25, 1989.

He is married to Michele Gorden Mittman, has two children, Benjamin Jr., and Michael Antonio Mittman.

Rev. Mittman was ordained in the High Point Missionary and Baptist Association in 1977, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Winston Salem, N.C. He served as assistant pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church from 1977-1981; in 1981, he was called to serve at Goodwill Baptist Church in Madison, N.C., as pastor so he related.

Rev. Mittman was installed as pastor, June 18, 1989, Father's Day, at the East White Oak Missionary Baptist Church, 1809 Water Street, Greensboro, N.C., 3:00 p.m. Installation Message by Rev. James A. Webster of the First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, N.C., choir, ushers and congregation. Rev. George Brooks, Vice-Moderator of the Guilford Education Missionary Baptist Church, presided.



1989 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" National Essay Contest Winners Attend Leadership Conference

Ten outstanding black high school students named 1989 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" met with national black leaders such as motivational speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud (fourth from left) during a recent McDonald's-sponsored leadership conference in Oak Brook, IL. Pictured left to right are: (Front row) Sadarryle Hill, Fairmont, NC; Nancy Williams, Cincinnati, OH; Changa Cannon, Hyattsville, MD; Patricia Russell-McCloud; Warinda Johnson, Houston, TX; John Stuckey, Columbia, SC; Dasha Jackson, Chapel Hill, NC; (Back row) James Reese, Miami, FL; Sonja Jackson, Pine Bluff, AR; J. Michael Reichenbach, Bluffton, OH; and Karima Abdul-Sharif, Philadelphia, PA.

Shaw University Awarded $105,000 Institutional Development Grant

By Dr. Ronald Swain

Shaw University is one of the 12 historically black college and universities (HBCUs) selected as a lilly endowment, Inc., grant recipient in the second round of a three-year, $3.8 million effort to strengthen the institutions and their facilities.

Shaw University will use the grant to improve its institutional research capacity in the office of institutional advancement and planning.

The Indianapolis-based charitable foundation awarded this year's recipients a total of $1.26 million. Selected institutions include 10 private and 2 public schools concentrated in the southern United States (see attached list). In announcing the grant program, Dr. William C. Bonifield, endowment vice-president for education, said, "The endowment is pleased with the results achieved by last year's grantees. We anticipate equally significant progress from these current recipients."

Bonifield said the endowment supports a number of programs at mainstream colleges and universities, but national research demonstrates that a significant proportion of minority students prefers to attend historically black institutions. Bonifield said, "These schools have proven successful in graduating large proportions of minority students. Further, more HBCU graduates pursue and attain graduate and professional degrees. We want to provide support for these institutions as they help to prepare the future leaders of this nation." The endowment annually invites a group of HBCUs to submit proposals aimed at strengthening either the institutions or their faculties. The endowment pledged to fund a maximum of 12 grants, each amounting to as much as $105,000 over a three-year period. Endowment officials will invite another group of HBCUs next year. In sum, about 60 institutions, including the 41 independent colleges affiliated with the United Negro College Fund, will vie for as many as 36 grants. In explaining the thrust of the new grants for faculty and institutional development, Bonifield said, "Quality education pivots on the fundamental strength of an institution's faculty and on administrative skill in identifying a mission, recruiting and fund raising."

One Day In The Lives Of American Children

16,833	women get pregnant
2,740	of them are teenagers
1,105	teenagers have abortions
369	teenagers miscarry
1,293	teenagers give birth
676	babies are born to women who have had inadequate prenatal care
700	babies are born at low birthweight (less than 5 lbs., 8 oz.)
125	babies are born at very low birthweight (less than 3 lbs., 5 oz.)
69	babies die before one month of life
107	babies die before their first birthday
27	children die because of poverty
9	children die from guns
6	teens commit suicide
7,742	teens become sexually active
623	teenagers get syphilis or gonorrhea
1,375	teenagers drop out of high school
1,849	children are abused
3,288	children run away from home
1,781	children are in adult jails
2,407	children are born out of wedlock
2,989	children see their parents divorced
31,003	people lose jobs

Reprinted from **CDF Reports** of the Children's Defense Fund.

Rev. R.L. Blue Celebrates 53 Years In Ministry

By Colene B. Stanley
Associate Editor



Rev. R.L. Blue

The son of the late Rev. Nelson Blue and Mrs. Lizzie Smith Blue, was born September 1, 1912 in Clarkton, NC. He was converted in September, 1925 at Pilgrim Hill Baptist Church and baptized by the Pastor, Rev. George Williams. He served as Church Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, and a Deacon for several years. He taught vocal music, set up and led many choirs for several years.

Rev. Blue attended grammar school at Savannah Temple and high school at Bladen Training School, Elizabethtown, NC; attended Thompson Institute, Lumberton, NC; won a scholarship for religious studies for ministers at A&T State University, Greensboro, NC; attended ministers school at Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, NC; and Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, where he received his certificate from the School of Religion in 1952 under Dr. Daniels and Dr. W.R. Strassler. He now serves as the Secretary of the Ministers' Institute Alumni Association at Shaw University and has been for the past 16 years more or less.

He preached his trial sermon at Pilgrim Hill Baptist Church, September, 1936; was ordained at Pleasant Union Baptist Church, East Arcadia, NC, January, 1942, and licensed by Rev. F.K. Patterson. Ever since his ordination, he has been steadily climbing and lifting up the name of Jesus.

He served as Moderator of the Hammond's Creek Association of Bladen County (1944-1965) for 21 consecutive years; Vice Moderator of the New Erie Association of Bladen and Columbus Counties for 8 years more or less. He has preached and carried on revival services in many states; namely, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and many cities in North Carolina. He believes in building and helping people in need. He has been a dedicated builder and pastor at the following churches: Jerusalem, Council, NC-26 years: Barns Chapel, Goldsboro, NC-4 years: Sandhill, Abbottsburg, NC-9 years: Center Baptist, Bladenboro, NC-20 years: Swans Creek, Hope Mills, NC-4 years: St. Mary, Evergreen, NC-5 years: Shiloh, Purvis, NC-15 years: Iron Hill, Tabor City, NC-4 years: and presently pastors at Piney Grove, Nichols, SC and has been for the past 18 years.

He also preaches at the Hilltop Rest Home, Whiteville, NC every Fifth Sunday and has for the past 17 years more or less. He has also rendered services at the Bladen County Dept. of Corrections, White Lake, NC for 10 years.

Not only is his family proud of him, he is proud of his family's accomplishments. He struggled hard as a farmer for 59 years to help his family progress to the state they have come. We are very thankful to God for him and giving him the mind to keep us in the straight way. He is married to Mrs. Annie Leach Blue, and they have five children.

Through all of Rev. Blue's distant travels, he had no idea what the Lord had in mind for him to do. Rev. Blue confessed religion 61 years ago at Pilgrim Hill Church and is active in the gospel ministry home and abroad serving in Jesus' name with love for all humanity.

Join in the celebration: Rev. R.L. Blue, Route 1, Box 115, Clarkton, NC 28433.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

VP-At-Large Co-Chairs King Shrine

By Archie D. Logan, Editor

Triangle religious business and civic leaders have unleashed an unprecedented display of support for North Carolina's first public shrine honoring the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The North Carolina Martin Luther King statue and memorial gardens, organized by the Raleigh-based King Celebration Committee, Inc., is scheduled to start construction Aug. 14 in Southeast Raleigh, with a formal dedication planned for Jan. 16, 1990, the fifth national holiday honoring King. Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice-President-At-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. serves as co-chairman of the Shrine Committee.

Speaking in support of the $180,000 project were area notables G. Smedes York, former Raleigh mayor and president of York Construction Co.; Daniel T. Blue, Jr., N.C. General Assembly; Frank Daniels, Jr., president, News and Observer Publishing Co.; James F. Goodman, president, Capitol Broadcasting Co.; William W. Graham, Jr., vice president, Carolina Power and Light Co. and chairman of the board of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce; Vernon Malone, Wake County Commissioner; and Henry McCoy, deputy secretary, N.C. Department of Administration.

The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce took an active lead in the fund development plans for the project. R. Marc Jordan, president of the chamber, said, "This project means so much to our community and state. The King planning committee did an outstanding job conceiving and organizing the memorial gardens concept. This effort and others that demonstrate social progress and a cooperative community spirit."

City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr. said he was pleased with the development. "The overall objective of the project is to create a perpetual climate and physical tribute to Dr. King and the many others who worked so hard and gave their lives to bringing racial and social injustices to the forefront of American consciousness. We are very pleased with the development and support for this project. I am so absolutely delighted that this impressive statue and memorial gardens will be built in Southeast Raleigh. This is indeed a proud and important day for all of North Carolina."

P.R. Jervay, Sr., publisher of The CAROLINIAN and The DISPATCH, said in a statement, "Anyone should feel honored and privileged to share in the determination to honor the memory of Dr. King. It is a small gesture to his life of sacrifice in behalf of mankind to erect a monument in his honor here in the capital city. I heartily support the project 100 percent and congratulate Dr. W.B. Lewis, Bruce Lightner and this able committee on their foresight and commitment. Generations to come will be inspired and reminded of this great man's life through their efforts."

Jervay said King led an exemplary life and referred to John 16:12: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Dr. W.B. Lewis encourages the religious community around the state and nation to support the King Shrine project. Dr. Lewis states, "Martin Luther King, Jr. was chosen by God for a divine mandate. Like Moses of old, Martin Luther King shook the conscious of the oppressor in the name of the great **I AM**. . . It is important that religious institutions support this project."

The six-foot, two-inch bronze statue is now being developed by internationally known sculptress Abbe Godwin of Colfax. Thousands of North Carolinians are familiar with her creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial statue on the Capitol grounds in Raleigh, the Beirut Memorial at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville and a sculpture at the N.C. School for the Blind in Greensboro.

The King statue, when unveiled, will be the only such statue in the world which depicts King in his clerical robe.

Ms. Godwin said, "I was honored and deeply moved when contacted and asked to complete this work. Over the past six years I have been doing my own research and studying Dr. King and his powerful, spiritual approach to nonviolent social change. I wanted to create an image of King which not only focused on his unusual gifted oratorical powers, but also his inner spiritual resolve."

Hal McNeely, one of the state's most sought-after landscape architects, volunteered his professional services early to develop the renderings for the memorial gardens. Plans call for a circular marble textured walkway around the statue, with park benches on the perimeter. A memorial wall will recogize on bronze plaques others who have made significant contributions to the advancement of human rights and social justice in North Carolina.

Trees, shrubbery and flowering plants will adorn the gardens. The area will be lighted at night to assure 24-hour visibility and protection. The facility will also have its own parking lots to accommodate school and church buses as well as automobiles.

In addition, civic groups, sororities, fraternities, churches and businesses who would like to get involved may write to the King Committee to receive all information on the project. Send inquiries or your group's check to the King Celebration Committee, Inc., P.O. Box 28365, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 or call 755-0804 for more information.



Baptist Grove Baptist Church Installs Raleigh Native as Pastor



Rev. Cureton Johnson

Raleigh — Baptist Grove Baptist Church, 7109 Leesville Road in Raleigh, will install the Reverend Cureton L. Johnson as pastor on Sunday, August 13, at 4 p.m. Rev. Johnson becomes the 13th pastor of the historic church which was founded in 1877 by African-Americans who gathered to worship under outdoor bush harbors.

Rev. Johnson returns to his hometown to pastor after serving as the associate pastor of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He also worked as the Outreach Director for the national Christian anti-hunger lobby, Bread for the World. While with the organization, he headed a public information campaign that helped get legislation passed in Congress which provided $800 million for African famine relief. In 1987 he traveled to Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe to gather information to help increase U.S. agricultural development assistance to Africa.

Prior to service in Washington, Rev. Johnson was the editor of **The Baptist Informer**, the organ of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc. He has also worked on the news staffs of the **Raleigh Times** and **THE CAROLINIAN** newspapers. His first pastorate was with the New Red Mountain Baptist Church in Rougemont, N.C. Rev. Johnson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received master's degrees from The American University and The Shaw Divinity School. He has also served on the public relation staffs at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro and Howard University in Washington.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Johnson of Raleigh, he is married to the former Lena A. Goode of Durham and they have two sons, Paul and Cureton.

The public is cordially invited to join with the Baptist Grove Baptist Church family as we celebrate the new leadership that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has given us!

Emmanuel Baptist Winston-Salem Celebrates 75 Years

By Mrs. Helen Watkins

Emmanuel Baptist Church will celebrate its 75th Diamond Anniversary on Oct. 11-15. We have two very special events scheduled for Oct. 14 and 15. We are having a 75th Diamond Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Our guest speaker for this occasion will be Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, MI. Dr. Sampson published a book entitled, "The Romance of Theology in the Black Experience." In Ebony Magazine, (Sept., 1984), Dr. Sampson was selected as one of the 15 Greatest Black Preachers in America. Dr. Sampson will also be the guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 15.

For banquet ticket information, call Emmanuel Baptist Church at (919) 788-7023 or (919) 788-7846. If you have any questions or concerns, please call.

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14 Woman's State Convention Program Committee, 12 noon Baptist Headquarters, Conference Room

21 Shaw Divinity School Conference on Economic Empowerment, Raleigh, NC

29-11/2 General Baptist State Convention Annual Session Charlotte, NC

30 General Baptist Foundation Board Meeting Charlotte, NC

NOVEMBER 1989

4 Youth Evangelism Conference, Woman's Convention (place to be announced)

6 World Day of Prayer (BWA—Woman's Department)

11 Usher's Workshop Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

18 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee meeting 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters

18 Woman's State Convention Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., Conference Room

19 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

23 THANKSGIVING DAY

Salem Baptist To Host 1989 Annual Session

I am asking the support of the entire General Baptist Convention family during the 122nd Annual Session of the Convention Parent Body and the 40th Annual Session of the Laymen's League Convention. The sessions will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 1989 in Charlotte, N.C. at the Salem Baptist Church, 5318 Salem Church Road. Our Convention theme is: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship."

Monday, Oct. 30, will be highlighted by the Laymen's League Convention, Dr. Charles C. Alston, President. The opening session will feature welcome remarks, recognitions and a message by the Rev. E. Ervin Millsap, Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Drexel, N.C.

On Monday night the Laymen will sponsor a SPECIAL YOUTH NIGHT. Keith Littlejohn, President Youth Division, North Carolina Laymen League will give an address. The service will end with a sermon by the Rev. John McCullough, Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, N.C. Also plan to attend our late night Evangelism Services. Dr. Anthony Jinwright has an outstanding program planned. The services will also be held at the Salem Baptist Church.

The Laymen's Session will end Tuesday, Oct. 31, after the Laymen's President's Annual Address and a sermon by Dr. John H. Grant, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Asheville. Please send your laymen to this historic session.

On Tuesday afternoon I will officially call the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. to order for the One hundred and Twenty-second time. Tuesday will feature sermons by Dr. J.O. Thorne and Dr. W.T. Bigelow. On Tuesday night we will have the Annual President's Banquet. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Washington, D.C. These services will be followed by our late night Evangelistic Services.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1989 will be the Convention highlight. At 7 a.m. the day will start with the Annual Prison Ministry Workshop/Breakfast, at McDonald's Cafeterie, 2810 Beaties Ford Road, Charlotte. Later in the day I will give my Annual Address. Also we will hear greetings, reports and a sermon by Dr. John Mendez, First Vice President of the GBSC. Wednesday night will feature Dr. S.C. Cureton, President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina. We also will have a Shaw Night emphasis. Please plan to attend our late night Evangelism Services.

Thursday, Nov. 2, will bring to an end our Annual Session. The services will include Shaw Divinity School Hour. The closing Convention sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Billy Houze, Lawndale, N.C.

I would like for each church to represent and send messengers. Our financial goal for the session is $100,000.00. We need your help and support. I love you all, may God bless you.



Dr. J.B. Humphrey
President GBSC

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Reservations should be paid on or before October 15, 1989.

Highlights Of The 105th Annual Session Of The Woman's Baptist State Convention

By Ms. Augusta White, Associate Editor

Many Baptists from across North Carolina were on hand at the Charlotte Civic Center, July 25, 1989, for the opening day of the 105th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention.

President Edwards greeted the Convention and stated: "We have come to worship Him in Spirit and in truth to do His work. We have come to discuss our theme and to dedicate our newly revised Handbook. We've come to fellowship one with another, to meditate and worship. We have come to face another challenge. With this in mind I declare this 105th Annual Session here at the Charlotte Civic Center opened." She sounded the gavel and proceeded to preside over her last Annual Session as president.

The session was opened with the audience joining in single "Blessed Assurance." During the meditational moments, Mrs. Libby Lofton stated: "God's been good to us this last year. Each of us has asked the Lord why me, why was I left here. It must be for some purpose. Let us meditate on where the Lord has brought us since last year, because 'There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no not one.' " Scripture was read by Mrs. Louise Goodson, St. Matthew, Raleigh. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, our worship chairman.

Theme discussion was presented by Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Big Ruin, Henderson.

"The field is white and ready for people to work. We need to renew our spirit and go back to the covenant we made. Go back and get all those members we used to have. Time is what brings the harvest to the fields. Maintain family and secret devotions which will keep our children out of trouble."

Mrs. Annie Brown of Charlotte gives excerpts of some of her experiences. She closed by saying that God

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear pastors, moderators, presidents, other Christian leaders, and members of the Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina:

Our gratitude and salutations go out to those of you for your dedicated support and cooperation that you gave to the Convention for the past fiscal year 1988-89. We did not reach all of our goals and objectives, but the record shows that much good and many accomplishments were realized.

As we move into a new fiscal year 1989-90, we are challenged to do a greater work. As we attempt great things for the Lord, we can expect great things from the Lord.

Annual Session

On Oct. 30 through Nov. 2, 1989, all roads in the state for the Baptists will lead to the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention and the Annual Session of the Laymen's League Convention, which will meet at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 5318 Salem Road, which is located on the left of Highway 16 North, Charlotte, North Carolina. Rev. A.L. Jinwright is the host pastor.

We strongly urge all pastors to be present for all of the sessions on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 31. A workshop for pastors and moderators will be conducted by Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr., from Washington, D.C.

The President's Banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr. will be the banquet speaker.

The highlights on Wednesday will be among other things:

1. Expressions from presidents of auxiliaries, institutions, agencies and others.

2. Reports: General Board of the General Baptist State Convention, the Executive Secretaries of the General Baptist State Convention and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

3. The president's annual message, sermons, expressions from the president of Shaw University and the Divinity School. A closing sermon of the evening from our special guest, Dr. S.C. Cureton, President of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina.

The activities on Thursday morning will consist of a theme address, Shaw Divinity School Hour, final reports, a closing sermon and communion.

The program of the Annual Session promises to be a great session. However, we need your full support and cooperation as you seek to:

1. Make plans to attend this important session and bring with you some of the officers and members of your church.

2. Encourage your delegates to attend the President's Banquet and,

3. Bring a liberal contribution for state missions and for the other objectives.

Our financial goal for the Annual Session is one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00). It is a must that we have a strong financial base for state missions in order to operate the Convention in an efficient manner.

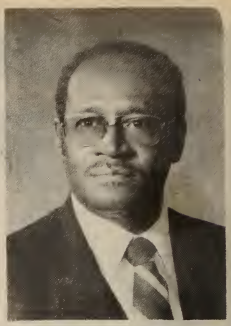
Mission·

The heartbeat of the Christian Church is missions. Jesus commissioned the church in Matthew 28:19-20 to: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Church has a world-wide concern, according to the teaching of the New Testament, the Church was born on the Day of Pentecost when the power of the Holy Ghost descended upon the waiting congregation and united people without reservation. In this new fellowship, young and old lived together without friction, rich and poor were united without references to what they possessed, and there was a new kinship among the people of God which transcended misunderstanding. The Church must be involved with its local and community projects, and it must also be concerned with everybody from everywhere.

The ministers of the Gospel must never take lightly their high calling. They must keep open the channels of divine and human fellowship and keep the cleansing stream of grace flowing full and free.

The gospel preachers must be faithful to the task and proclaim the gospel of Christ in this hour of chaos and corruption. The truth is, if gospel ministers hold their peace and the tongues of the people of God are hushed, God through nature will find a way to in-tune the message of salvation, and silent rocks will preach and lend their support to missions, sleeping stones will proclaim the eternal gospel, and floods will clap their hands for joy.



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(II Corinthians 6:7)



State Baptist Sunday School & Training Union Congress Conducts A Productive Annual Session

By M. Mildred Martin
Acting Secretary

Introduction. "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task" with special emphasis on Christians' stewardship of time, talents, tithing, and teaching was the thrust of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., when the annual program was conducted August 15-17, 1989 at the Union Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, Dr. Grady D. Davis, Pastor.

Assisting Pastor Davis in serving as site hosts, with super efficiency in planning, organizing, expressing friendliness and fulfilling needs, were the members of Union Baptist Church.

Opening Assembly. The opening assembly, replete with an inspiring organ prelude, "Let All the People Praise Him"; a congregational hymn, "The Solid Rock"; Rev. James H. Winley's fervent invocation for God's blessings on the hundreds of delegates assembled to foster the work of the Congress and to effectively carry out the mission of the church; and President Cedric H. Jones' greetings and challenge to worship, to participate in the training classes, to execute the business of the Congress, and to return home enthusiastically determined to implement ideas that will enhance the endeavors of the respective local churches, created a receptive atmosphere that pervaded the entire session.

Music Ministry. Sacred music during each session was under the direction of Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart, Congress music director; and Mr. Waverly Camp, Congress musician. Assisting the director on several occasions were Mrs. Johnnie Y. Sanders, past Congress music director; and Mrs. Ira Wolfe, Fayetteville.

In her choice of preludes, hymns and gospel songs, Mrs. Stewart demonstrated in a functional way how sacred music can be used to complement and reinforce the preaching/teaching ministry of the church.

Workshops and Theme. Featured during the session were four most informative, practical workshops in support of the Congress' sub-theme highlighting the four aspects of stewardship — stewardship of time, talent, tithing, and teaching. Workshop leaders were Rev. Lacy Joyner, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oxford; Mrs. Hazel McLean, Laurinburg, Congress Dean; Dr. R.W. Styles, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington; and Dr. Leo Williams Jr., Director of Christian Education, GBSC. The State Theme discussant was Dr. James D. Ballard, Pastor, United Metropolitan Church, Winston-Salem.

Each leader emphasized the fact that stewardship of possessions — stewardship of money — is only one fact of what God requires of us as stewards. The world is God's as well as we who dwell therein. He is Ruler over all. Thus, for His manifold, bountiful blessings, we owe Him our total commitment in all aspects of life — in our stewardship of time, talent, possessions and service. These same ideas were reinforced by Dr. Ballard as he presented the State Congress Theme.

Classes and Instructors. Under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Hazel McLean, Congress Dean, classes designed to improve and enrich the teaching ministry in local churches were conducted. Included were special courses for ministers, Sunday School superintendents, Sunday School teachers, Baptist Training Union directors and teachers, church music directors, senior adults, young adults and youth. Serving as instructors were Dr. S.T. Chums, Dr. George Cook Jr., Mrs. Janifer Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Young, Mrs. Mildred B. Hines, Ms. Miriam Ricks, Mrs. Lodies Gloston, Mrs. Inease T. Wicker and Mr. Waverly Camp Jr.

Sermons and Ministers. Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, delivered the thought-provoking educational sermon — an expository message from the subject, "Put Off the Old Man — Put On the New" based on Ephesians 4:17-32. He admonished the group to put off such things as lying, self-centeredness, judging on hearsay; and, to learn how to forgive like our Master, to let our love be extended, to lift the fallen, to address current societal problems — drug addiction, alcoholism, crime, sexual promiscuity, alternate lifestyles, etcetera — and to emulate our Savior in thought, word and deed.

Other spirited, gospel messages included the opening sermon delivered by Rev. Leonzo D. Lynch, Pastor of Mount Level Baptist Church, Durham; the congress sermon by Rev. Cedric H. Jones Jr. and the closing message by Rev. Clyde B. Walton, Pastor, Big Ruin Creek Baptist Church, Henderson.

Oratorical Contest. A heartwarming, inspiring highlight of the session was the James B. Wertz Oratorical Contest under the guidance of Mrs. Janie Clayton, director; and Mr. Haywood McCoy, assistant director. Featured were thirteen junior contestants and eight seniors. These young people efficiently demonstrated that they are cognizant of social, economic, moral, educational and other problems with which they must cope; of their need to exercise self-discipline, self-respect, self-accountability; and, of the realization that "Christ Is the Answer" in every situation.

Soul-searching topics from which they spoke were as follows: "It's All Right to Say No," "Jesus Loves Me," "Give Your Best to the Master," "I Am a Witness for Christ," "Promoting Family Worship," "Showing the Christian Spirit Daily," "Take a Stand for the Lord," "Christian Parent-Child Relationship," "Drugs and Teenagers," "A New Way of Living," "Choices Have Consequences," "God Will Take Care of You," "The Body — God's Temple," and "Is There a Balm in Gilead?"

Winners in the senior division were as follows: 1st Place — Nethea Rhinehardt, First Baptist Church, Charlotte; 2nd Place — Angela Ray, South End Baptist Church, Fayetteville; and, 3rd Place Tie — Ronald Jones, Good Hope Baptist Church, Wendell, and Katriel Tripp, St. Luke Baptist Church, Morehead.

Junior division winners were: 1st Place — Niklia Gillette, Liberty Grove Baptist Church; 2nd Place — April Williams, Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and 3rd Place — Richard T. Bartell, Oakland Baptist Church.

Other participants included Alicia Lynch, Necole Leach, Nikki J. Finger, Candree D. Mungo, Calvin Black, Erica Smith, Kisha Gates, Michael Powell, Mekesa Simpson, Alayne Joyner, Yusuf Walker, Stephanie McBride, Sabrina Baker, Eunice Rene Dee and Charnita Saunders.

Each young orator received a lovely plaque and certificate of participation.

President's Address. In giving an account of his stewardship during the past year, President Jones cited the many contacts he had had with officers of the parent body, congress of christian education, local churches, and the various associations in promoting the work of the congress; plans for implementing a state-wide self-study to evaluate local programs of christian education and compile and distribute the findings; and, a currently programmed innovation — Issues Relatives to Gerontology in the Church with Dr. Elbert E. Lee as consultant; and, The Family in the Church with Ms. Queen Thompson as consultant.

The president recommended that churches cooperate in finalizing the self-study under the direction of Ms. Mildred Hines who will furnish necessary questionnaires to facilitate evaluation; and, that a Congress choir be organizezd.

President Jones urged that Sunday School and BTU workers be good stewards of the time, talents and possessions entrusted in their care in building a strong Congress through the development of strong local churches. He suggested several steps to follow in accomplishing this task: pray, study, plan, prepare, implement and evaluate. "This," he asserted, "is the road to success."

Special Music. Special music was furnished by the Union Baptist and Mt. Level Baptist Church Choirs, Durham; the J. Ray Butler Choir, Winston-Salem; the First Baptist Church Choir, Charlotte; and the Congress Music Class, Mr. Waverly Camp, Instructor.

Other Actions. As recommended by the nominating committee and unanimously approved, Ms. M. Mildred Martin was elected assistant secretary to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Linda Pone. President Jones was authorized to make adjustments as necessary to assure services of

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From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.



Congress President Cedric H. Jones gives annual address.



Congress Dean Mrs. Hazel McLean leads training workshop.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. P.A. Brodie

"Without God . . ."

By Executive Secretary Brodie



Again do accept our appreciation to all of you who attended or in some way related to our 105th Annual Session in Charlotte. This session, in our celebration, reminded us that never could the Woman's Convention have been founded, have served, have endured hardship and snares, and have survived for more than a century **Without God.** Without God, though nearing the eve of the 21st Century, even those of us who are now of the Woman's Convention realize that we can "do nothing," that "we would fail." "(Our) souls are anchored in Jesus, Tho' storms and billows may roll."

Though it may appear that the Tempter has desire to sift the work, structure, and finance of the Woman's Convention, with God as our Captain we believe that He will lead us beside the still waters and on to victory in this new fiscal year and those to come. For through the years He has established our mission-in action hands among His many missionary vessels. However, if the Woman's Convention were without God's approval and blessings, how could she have shared, have loved, have prayed, have given and forgiven, have informed, have taught, have inspired through almost four generations? Without God's approval (Missions through the Woman's Convention) what would Christian education (Shaw), State Missions (North Carolina), national concern of missions, and foreign missions (Liberia, Nigeria, Ghana, Guyana, and India) have been?

Yet in Charlotte were we reminded that we are "In Stewardship" and that God holds us accountable for that which he entrusts to our hands. Therefore, must we give thanks to and seek of God Wisdom and knowledge so that we can continue in the way of missions in this new fiscal year of 1989-90. However, we cannot leave the immediate past fiscal year without thanking God and all of you who shared in the realization of another banner year for missions.

Now let us under the guidance of God and in prayer begin our new year and seek to forge forward in His missions. **Our 1989-90 proposed budget is in the range of $547,000.00.** Though this is a great sum, with you are we leaning and depending on and trusting in Jesus, for we are convinced that He cares: **Foreign Missions — $40,000.00; Shaw University — $44,000.00; Shaw Divinity School — $30,000.00; Central Children's Home — $31,000.00; Baptist Assembly — $15,000.00; State Missions — $387,000.00.**

Please make checks sent to the Woman's Convention payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

Institutes

Time is very near for the beginning of our missionary institutes across the state. Recommended books are the new revised handbook (Seniors), **The Doctrines Baptists Believe** (Young Adults), **Beliefs That Matter** (Youth, 1-3 grades), **Special Baptist Beliefs** (Youth, 4-6 grades) and **Truths That Make A Difference** (Youth, ages 12-20). Please write to the Woman's Convention for the books and instructors for the institutes.

Youth Evangelism Conference

The Rev. R.E. Devoe and Shiloh Baptist, Shelby, will host our Eighth Annual Conference. The Conference is to be held at Malcolm Brown Auditorium, Shelby, off of Hwy. 74, and is to start at 9 a.m.

Season of Prayer

Let us not forget our nearing season of prayer for our Christian educational institutions: Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School.

We the Woman's Convention ask that you, who will, pray for us and with us, that you serve and serve with us, that you give and give through us to the work of Christian missions as we share in God's overall team for this fiscal year and others even yet to come. "Without a doubt He is (our) Savior, (our) strength along life's way; . . . Thro' faith He'll be (our) stay. Without God (we) could do nothing . . ."

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will supply all of your needs if you trust Him.

Mrs. Lillie Matthews of Gethsemane, Charlotte, was in charge of an impressive Memorial Service. Two candles were lit: one for all deceased members from last Convention and one for Mrs. Jettie Lucas, Secretary of the Convention, Mrs. A.C. Matthews, oldest member of the Board, and Mrs. J.A. Little, Historian Emeritus.

The newly revised Missionary Guide and Handbook was presented to President Edwards by Second Vice-President Shirley Bullock who was Chairman of the Handbook Committee. Mrs. Wilma Bryant, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, presented the committee who worked on the revised By-Laws. President Edwards accepted the presentation and presented a complimentary copy to President Humphrey. A copy of the Handbook was presented to Dr. Brodie for the purpose of promotion.

A Litany of Dedication was led by Mrs. Julias McDonald which was followed with a prayer of dedication by President Humphrey.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, gave the conventional directions. In her remarks Dr. Brodie stated that the following books will be studied this year: For the seniors, the revised study guide and handbook, $5.00; for the Young Adults, **The Doctrine Baptists Believe,** $3.89, the Older Youth, **Truths That Make a Difference, $3.94;** for grades 4-7, **The Special Baptist Beliefs, $2.68;** and for grades 1-3, **Beliefs That Matter, $2.68.**

Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the GBSC, greeted the Convention and expressed his thanks for the support given by the Convention. "I shudder to think what would happen if the Women did not support the GBSC. Thanks again for all you do for us."



President Luella Edwards addresses WBH&FMC.



Messenger to the 105th Session of the WBH&FMC.



President Edwards receives President's Award. L to R: Past President Turner; President Edwards; Executive Secretary Brodie; President-Elect Johnson.

Mrs. Eva Johnson, First Vice President, recognized the ministers; state auxiliary presidents, past presidents; circle, union, auxiliary presidents; new members; convention presidents, and visitors.

President Edwards presented Dr. Charles T. Bullock, Pastor of St. James, Rocky Mount, for the morning message.

"Dr. Edwards, you have served well. We will not forget the fruits of your work as president of this great convention. We have come because our task is still unfinished. We are still stewards of God and time. Time is represented by the **Past, Present** and **Future.** Our labor does not go unnoticed by God. Psalm 107:1 states, 'O, Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.' As stewards of God let us give thanks, for he brought us from the past to the present, as we look to the future that comes to us by the product of faith. He took our feet out of the miry clay and put them on a rock to stay. By the mercies of God He brought us out of the depth of despair and allowed us to go on. 'I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; But the master of sea, Heard my despairing cry' and I was rescued from the pershing. God will deliver. How many . . . are wandering in a wilderness and have turned their backs on God. They wandered in the wilder-

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N.C. returned missionaries left to right: Mrs. Catherlene Shaw Thompson, Miss Minnie C. Lyon, Mrs. Dorothy Okkee, Rev. John Daniel, Mrs. John Daniel, Ms. Anne Bowers.



Youth messengers at 105th WBH&FMC Session.



Officers of the WBH&FMC, seated, Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, president. Front row, left to right, Nancy H. Young, Linda Jones, Maggie White, Julias McDonald, Shirley Bullock, Willie J. Lee, Exia H. Woods. Second row: Donald Crawford, Waverly Camp. Not shown is Nowella Whitted.



Colene Stanley greeting the Convention.



Dr. M.A. Horne presenting President Edwards for her annual address.

ness, hungry and in despair and God delivered them. God delivered his people because they cried unto Him. It is good to cry out unto Him, no matter what the trouble might be. He doesn't ask for a character reference or a credit report. It doesn't matter to God how you got there. There is an old familiar hymn, 'I am on the Battlefield for my Lord, and I promised Him that I would serve Him till I die.' Remember that in shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet, God leads His dear children along; some thru the waters; some thru the flood; some thru the fire, but all thru the blood; some thru great sorrow, but God gives a song, In the night season and all the day long."

Music for the morning session was furnished by the Convention choir.

The afternoon session was called to order by Second Vice-President Shirley Bullock. The tone for the session was set with an impressive devotion led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Worship Chairperson, and Mrs. Libby Lofton, Co-Chairperson.

The Deacons' Wives were recognized by Mrs. Lacy Patterson, Chairperson.

Committee appointees were given by Mrs. Gertrude Hamilton, Chairperson of Committee on Committees.

Mr. Michael Alston, Executive Director of the Central Children's Home, extended a sincere thanks to the Convention for the continued support and help. "We are deeply grateful for all your financial support, prayers and visits. Although our name has changed, we still have the same mission."

Dr. Ronald Swain, representing Shaw University/Shaw Divinity School, said, **"Thank you, Thank you, Thank you** for your support. Keep us in your prayers. Shaw University's first miracle was able to match the U.S. Government's two million dollars by raising one million dollars. Most of the money came from you. 'It's no secret what God can do, what He's done for others He will do for you.' The second miracle — Unity: On July 1, Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School became one under Dr. Talbert O. Shaw. We need your help in our physical support. We ask you to continue to work with us on Christian Higher Education. On November 17, 18, 19, we will celebrate our 124th Anniversary of the Founding of Shaw University. We ask you to plan to attend the events."

A large number of ministers' wives and widows marched in for their part of the afternoon program. Greetings were by Mrs. Rubie Owens, Chairperson. Mrs. Lorine Lynch presented the program participants.

Mrs. Katherine Marable, President of the State Association of Ministers' Wives and Widows, was presented for the afternoon address. "It is our job and commitment to be about our Father's business. The harvest truly is plenteous but the workers are few. Let's 'Get Down To Business.' "

Special music was furnished by Mrs. Hortense Fleming, accompanied by Mrs. Hazel Forbes.

During the evening session, President Edwards presented Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Dewberry for the welcome program which included Mayor Sue Myrick, and representatives from the associations and the missionary county union.

The response was given by Mrs. Isabella McGowan, President, New Hanover County Union.

Music for the welcome program was rendered by a mass choir from Gethsemane, Charlotte.

President Edwards presented Dr. J. Ray Butler, Moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association, to present Dr. W.C. Hay, Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, for the evening message. "Christian Stewardship." "Stewardship belongs to you. If you are a Christian, you are suppose to show some signs of stewardship. Everything you have belongs to God. Thank God for allowing you to use His money. Matthew talked about the man who gave out talents and put them to work.

"The crowd had been following Christ all day and they were hungry. He told his disciples to organize them and go see what they could find to eat. There is a lad here, which has given barley loaves and two small fishes. The lad had been so busy following Jesus until he didn't have a chance to eat his lunch. And Jesus took the loaves and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his disciples to distribute it to the five thousand that were seated, and likewise of the fishes. Everything you have belongs to God. He will make a way out of no way. Put the Lord in your business and he will fix it for you. The lad gave Jesus all he had. He gave him his lunch and he shared it with the hungry crowd. Are you willing to share your lunch with the Master? I know the Lord will fix it. Take him by the hand and he will feed the nation."

Music was rendered by the Galilee choir from Winston-Salem.

On Wednesday morning approximately 1000 or more people some dressed in white, came from every corner in North Carolina and crowded into the Civic Center to hear President Edwards deliver her fourth and final address as president of the Convention. First Vice-President Eva Johnson presided over this session. The program participants, President Edwards, Dr. Humphrey, Mrs. Horne, Past President led the procession into the auditorium followed by Vice Presidents, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Past Presidents, Young Adult and Youth Officers, Presidents of Auxiliaries and the Board Members.

Following the selection "Lift Him Up," scripture and prayer were done by Mrs. Martha Turner, Chestnut Grove, Statesville. Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention, brought greetings. "I am pleased this morning to extend greetings to you from one of the best Conventions in the country and I expect outside of the country. You have been a strong supporter of our Convention. I don't know where we would be without your financial and spiritual support. Your outgoing president has been a strong supporter of the GBSC. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the President and Dr. Brodie. As Dr. Edwards leaves this position, I wish her God speed in her future endeavors."

Mrs. Colene Stanley, Young Adult Director, greeted the Convention on behalf of the Young Adult Department. She stated that the highest purpose of the Young Adults today is to "Lift Up God."

Mrs. Barbara Hewett, Youth Supervisor, greeted the Convention on behalf of the Youth Department. "We have had successful sessions both spiritually and financially. Thank you for your prayers and help."

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, was presented for her Annual Report. "To God Be The Glory, great things He hath done." "I am so satisfied as we look at the record from July to July. Can we say, 'Is Jesus Satisfied With Me?' Gratitude is to God for what He has done for you and for what you have done for us. The Family Mission Conference is scheduled for the fourth Saturday in September which is the 23rd. The Youth Evangelism Conference is scheduled for the first Saturday in November. The financial progress report for September 1, 1988-June 30, 1989: The Budget is $517,955.30, and we have received $351,135.17. The amount needed to reach the budget by the end of August is $166,820.13. Madam president, I appreciate the relationship that we have had together for these four years. I am satisfied." The remarks ended with the congregation joining in singing "I am satisfied."

The offertory appeal was given by Dr. J.J. Johnson, Past President of the GBSC.

Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, Past President and Executive Secretary Emeritus of the Convention, presented Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President, for her fourth and final address as president of the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

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" 'O Give Thanks Unto the Lord . . .' Four years ago, I used the words of André Crouch to express my gratitude to you and to God for all the goodness toward me. It was good then, so I'll say it again.
'How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me?

Things so underserved, yet you gave
to prove your love for me:
The voices of a million angels could
not express my gratitude.
All that I am, and ever hope to be;
I owe it all to Thee.
Just let me live my life, Let it be
pleasing, Lord to Thee;
And if I gain any praise, Let it go to
Calvary.
To God be the glory, To God be the
glory, To God be the glory.
With His blood He has saved me;
with His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things
He has done.'

"God showered me with blessings this past year. Not only to me, but all of you here assembled. That is why I am a representative of His Son, Jesus Christ, and that is why I am a motivator for others to become a representative also. That is our job.

"Four years pass quickly as one grows older. For the young, it is not passing fast enough. I have had four precious years serving as president of this prestigious body of Christians. These four years have added a dimension to my spiritual life. As I survey this beautiful audience, I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. This Convention has afforded me many glorious exposures. Through her I have been blessed by God. I can understand more fully what the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote the church at Phillippi 'I have learned how to be abased, and I have learned how to be abound. I know for sure there is a God. I know there is a spirit because I know there is my Jesus, the Son of the Living God.'

"The good news about our Convention is found in our working together toward common goals. There is a sweet, sweet spirit among us. There is an unselfish demonstration that good will always prevail.

"As I come closer to the harbor of my tenure, I must reflect on the voyage. This 'Old Ship of Zion' has sailed some deep and difficult waters. Many times I had to fall on my knees and cry out to God for help so I could hold out because the sea of life became so rough. I could feel the steering wheel almost taken from me. When I almost panicked, I remember the early disciples during a storm in their lives. When they sent for Jesus, He calmed the waters with three words, 'Peace Be Still.' I also thought of the early founders of this great Convention and I found peace. I look up and the sun is shining again.



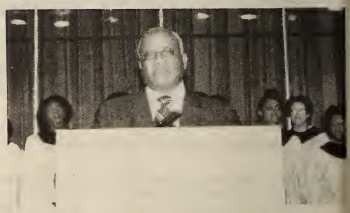
Young Adult officers, front row, left to right: Linda Inman, Everlene Durham, Rodny Foard, Johnnie Smith, Darryl Patterson, president, Jerrye Griffin, co-director, Colene Stanley, director. Second row: Gayla Smith, Sherry Tart, Patricia Richardson, Vanessa Gregory, Rev. Christopher Harris. Not shown is Judy Dewberry.



Youth Department officers, seated: Tania Butler, president. Front row, left to right: Derrick Holland, Marie Moseley, Dione Dunstan, Melanie Bullock, Danzelle Lassiter, Vernie Williams, Associate Supervisor, Barbara Hewett, Supervisor. Second row, left to right: Darrell McGraw, Harry Stafford, Erica Powell, Lola Troy, Victor Davis.



Dr. A.L. Jinwright installing new officers of WBH&FMC.



Dr. W.C. Hay preaches during 105th Annual Session.



Dr. J.B. Humphrey addresses WBH&FMC.



President Edwards & Vice Presidents.



Executive Secretary Brodie.



Dr. B.D. Horne and Miss Minnie C. Lyon.



Passing of gavel. President Edwards to President-Elect Johnson.

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"Through my traveling on the highway, city streets, country roads and interstates, I can recall no real danger to my life during the four years.

"One day, I left the Leadership Training Conference one cloudy afternoon on my way home. Because there was a storm in Fayetteville, my husband called the Assembly to tell me not to come. He was told that I had already left. Upon my arrival, he asked if I had come through the storm. Not knowing the situation, I said no, not even rain. He informed me of the storm. While he was concerning himself with my safety, my God was at work protecting me.

"I trust in God, I know He cares
for me: On mountain break or
on the stormy sea; Tho' billows
roll, He keeps my soul, my
heavenly Father watches over
me."

Our Theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task In Christian Stewardship" is still an important one. Our sole purpose for being missionaries is for evangelizing. If we fail to do that, we will greatly miss our calling. The harvest is white and the laborers are few and we are challenged to complete the task. The great commission has not changed. It is still GREAT because of the one who gave it — Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of sinners.

"It is still GREAT because of those to whom it is given — His disciples. We are His disciples. Our Convention must embrace that commission through her teaching program and in the church. We have varied ministries, but everyone of them must have as an ultimate goal, the discipling of all men.

"It is still GREAT because of the task assigned. We are told to go . . . disciple . . . baptize . . . and teach. . .

"The need of the multitudes for Christ is our challenge today. Many of our people faint from the discouragement of pointless living. They faint under the tensions and fears of ruthless high-speed technical age. They faint from the hustle and bustle of life that is filled with stress that is fast breaking our mentality. Our souls need a fresh breath of God's Word.

" 'Revive us again. Fill our hearts with the love. May our souls be rekindled with fire from above. Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen.'

"With all of the blessed opportunities I have experienced as your president, none compares with when I met Jesus. For then, I found salvation. It is this relationship with Jesus as my master that I have been able to find new life to continue.

"I learned to 'trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not unto mine own understanding, but, in all my ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct my paths.'

"There is a song with words that say:

'There is something on the inside,
working on the outside
It has brought about a change in my
life
And, I feel that change in my life.'

"Being president has brought new life to me. You have done me no harm. I shall revere this Convention always for your love and encouragement, and giving me new life.

Finally, Woman's Convention

"Whatsoever things are true;
Whatsoever things are honest
Whatsoever things are pure;
Whatsoever things are lovely;
Whatsoever things are of good report
If there be any virtue and if there
be any praise;
Think on these things.
For I rejoice in the Lord greatly,
that now at the last, your care
of me hath flourished.

"This Convention will not end with my tenure. It will go on. It must go on, because God has blessed me and thee. My parting word to you is 'Hold to God's Unchanging Hand.' "

The president made the following recommendation:

That we keep the Minnie C. Lyon Birthday Celebration a definite part of our calendar for December 25 and that we plan our calendar of work in our circles so that in November or December we ask our members to give a special monetary gift to one who sacrificed and gave so much in taking the gospel of Jesus Christ where it was not heard. In so doing, North Carolina Baptist Women are known around the world as a Convention of women who care.

"Usually letters are sent to remind you, but let us not wait for that. If you accept this recommendation, you will not need letters to remind you of your duty for the least of these."

The Youth and Young Adult Ensemble rendered a special number and dedicated it to the president.

Third Vice-President Maggie M. White presided over the afternoon session with the Young Adults and Youth.

During the Young Adult session a presentation was given to President Edwards for appreciation of her faith and trust in them and all of the help and encouragement she had given the Young Adults.

Darryl Patterson, President of the Young Adult Department, was presented for his annual address, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task In Christian Stewardship." "Can a man rob God? Yes through tithes and offerings. What you give, you have when you give to the Lord. What you kept and did not give, sooner or later you will lose it. If you don't have money, give God your time and talents. Give Him what you have freely. The fields are white and ready to harvest. You are needed to work in the fields to help stamp out drugs and sin. Young Adults, will you accept the Challenge of the Unfinished Task . . .?"

Special musical numbers were presented by the Young Adult Department with Ms. Linda Inman in charge.

Following promotion, the program was turned over to the Youth Department with Mrs. Barbara Hewett in charge. A report was given of the "Have-A-Heart" for Mission Contest and the Shaw Contest.

"Have-A-Heart" for Mission Talent winners:

1st Place — Derrick Moore, Mt. Pleasant, Belmont, N.C.

2nd Place — Deanna Williams, Whiteville

Finance:

1st Place — Derrick Moore — Gaston County — $3,018.18

2nd Place — Deanna Williams, Whiteville — $1000 and Kimberly Gore, Ocean View Auxiliary, $1000.

"Shaw" Contest

Talent:

1st Place — Orgenika Richardson, Wilmington

2nd Place — Tiffiney Dillard, Springfield Baptist, Eden

Finance:

1st Place — Angel Leonard, Franklin County Union — $2,758.87

2nd Place — Tiffiney Dillard, Springfield Baptist, Eden — $2,560.00

Youth Officers' March — $460.00

Supervisors' March — $1,080.00

Ms. Rhonda Reynolds, President of the Youth Department, was presented for her annual address. "Our main task is to win souls for Christ. We have to keep the faith. God has all power and as we work for Him, He will give us power. You must believe in Christ and have faith in Him and He will direct our paths. Parents train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. You must have Christ in your life in order to meet the challenge of the unfinished task."

The Mini-Youth Concert featured the children of the Youth Department.

Wednesday evening was Foreign Mission Night. President Edwards presided. Greetings were from Ms. Sallie Cuffee, Director of Women's Work, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. "Your Convention is an outstanding one. You have accepted the Challenge of the Unfinished Task In Christian Stewardship. North Carolina women gave over 82 thousand dollars for the Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. We will be looking for you when we meet in Raleigh, August 28-September 1. May God Bless each of you."

Dr. Edwards presented the following N.C. Missionaries to the Foreign Fields who were present:

Reverend and Mrs. John Daniels, Franklinton, N.C. — Haiti 1973-1974.

Mrs. Dorothy Okeke, Creedmoor, N.C. — Liberia 1950-1966.

Ms. Minnie C. Lyon, Durham, N.C. — Liberia 1921-1951.

Mrs. Catherlene Shaw Thompson, Fayetteville, N.C. — Haiti 1945-1950.

Ms. Anne Bowers — Haiti 1945-1950.

Following the offering and the report of the nominating committee, Dr. C.R. Edwards, Past President of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, presented Dr. E.A. Parham, Pastor of Trinity, Columbus, Ohio, for the evening message. "The theme for your Convention is a good one. And Jesus commanded the disciples to get the people something to eat, but we don't have anything to eat. All we have found is a little lad with his lunch. Sometimes we take what we have and make something out of it. God can take you from nothing and make you a leader of a nation. Whenever you think you have failed don't stop; just stand your grounds and wait for God to speak. God always has someone around maybe not with money, but God will make a way. We don't know how things are going to be made but we are your hands. If you try me saith the Lord, I will do the work. I'll open windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing. If you put yourself on the altar for God, He will do the work.

"Stewardship has to do with the totality of the individual. If you are filled with the Holy Ghost, men will be taught whatsoever things are true; whatsoever things are honest . . . I don't have to have a crowd to get the Holy Ghost; I can get it by myself. When we belong to God, He will tell you what to say and what to do. There is something within me that's holding the reign. All that I know there is something within."

Special music was done by the Convention choir with Mrs. Nancy Young, Music Director, Pianist, Donald Crawford, and Organist, Waverly Camp.

On Thursday, the closing session of the Convention was called to order by Mrs. Novella Whitted, Fourth Vice-President. The tone for this final session was set by an inspirational worship service led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Chairperson of the Worship Committee.

Concerns on Gerontology were discussed by Dr. Elbert Lee, Gerontologist Program Director, Shaw Divinity School. "We should do something about helping to keep our people from dying too soon. Help our people to alter their lifestyles. It is crucial and serious because there is a silent killer that creeps up on us unaware. That silent killer is "High Blood Pressure." High blood pressure leads to strokes. God is concerned about how well you live and how you live. This is a serious challenge to the church."

Following reports from the various committees, Reverend A.L. Jinwright installed the following officers:

President, Mrs. Eva H. Johnson; First Vice President, Mrs. Shirley Bullock; Second Vice President, Mrs. Maggie M. White; Third Vice President, Mrs. Novella T. Whitted; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Julias McDonald; Historian, Mrs. Exia Woods; Pianist, Mrs. Nancy H. Young; Director, Mr. Waverly Camp; Organist, Mr. Donald Crawford; Recorder, Miss Willie J. Lee; Assistant Recorder, Miss Linda Jones; Young Adult Director, Mrs. Colene B. Stanley; Associate Young Adult Director, Miss Jerrye Griffin; Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Barbara T. Hewett; Associate Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Vernie Williams.

Young Adult —

President, Darryl Patterson; First Vice President, Ms. Vickie Jenrette; Second Vice President, Reverend Johnnie Smith; Third Vice President, Mr. Rodney Ford; Fourth Vice President, Miss Evelyn Durham; Recording Secretary, Ms. Sherry Tart; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss Gayla Smith; Worship Chairperson, Reverend Christopher E. Harris; Choir Director, Ms. Linda Inman; Pianist, Ms. Judy Dewberry Herron; "Harvest" Editor, Ms. Janet Garner; Public Relations, Miss Patricia Richardson; Assistant Public Relations, Miss Miranda Graves; Financial Secretary, Ms. Vanessa Gregory.

Youth Department —

President, Tonia Butler; First Vice President, Danyelle Lassiter; Second Vice President, Melanie Bullock; Third Vice President, Mark Bibbs; Fourth Vice President, Diane Dunston; Recorder, Maina Mosley; Assistant Recorder, Derrick Holland; Pianist, Billy Robinson; Assistant Pianist, Timothy Hanley; Assistant Pianist, Erica Danyell; Choir Director, Victor Davis; Assistant Choir Director, Lola Tony; Historian, Harry Hafford; Worship Chairperson, Darnece McGoors; New Paper Editor, Keshia Inmain; Parlimentarian, Ronald Jackson.

Dr. Luella D. Edwards, outgoing president, passed the gavel to Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, the newly elected and installed president of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. "You have been duly elected and installed as the 11th president of this Convention. I need not remind you that the task is a big one; you will have to make decisions for the good of the Convention. You will have to travel in the interest of the Convention, in state, out-of-state and out of the country. I pass this gavel to you because it represents the authority this Convention gives you to preside over this entire Department which includes Young Adult and Youth.

In accepting the gavel Mrs Johnson said: "I accept this gavel because I realize it means strength. It represents togetherness and oneness. It represents the fruit of the

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spirit which works on the inside and shows on the outside.

"Thank you Dr. Edwards for the inspiration you gave. You were a mentor for me to look up to for these past four years. I will do my best not to let you down."

Dr. Georgia Turner, Board Chairman, presented the "President's Award Plaque" to Dr. Edwards for a job well done.

Dr. Edwards sounded the gavel for the closing of the 105th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

The 16th Annual Pre-Convention Banquet

Hundreds of persons came into the Charlotte Civic Center for the Sixteenth Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Dr. Luella D. Edwards, President of the Convention, presided over the banquet.

"When we walk with the Lord, He abides with us still as we trust and obey," stated Dr. Edwards. "We are delighted you have come to share in this banquet with us. Those who bring sunshine into our lives, share it with others and this you have done it with the Convention."

Welcome was extended by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, WBH&FMC. "It is my delight and pleasure to extend a "brief word" of welcome to our visitors and friends. You have come from across the state to share this occasion with us. We have come together for fellowship and joy to express our appreciation this week. May God bless each of you."

Reverend Dewberry, Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, also gave words of welcome.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention, brought greetings from the General Baptist Family. "I count it a privilege and an honor to bring you greetings from this great Baptist family scattered throughout North Carolina. I am also happy to see the cooperation of the past presidents of this Convention. In unity there is strength."

Recognition for long time service rendered to the Convention was bestowed upon the following persons by the president, assisted by Dr. Brodie, Darryl Patterson, and Jewyl E. Dunn:

Mrs. Marzella Cain, Beaufort; Mrs. Virginia Daye, Lexington; Mrs. Dorothy Okeke, Creedmoor; Mrs. Roxanna Pitts, Winston-Salem; Mr. Torrence Powell, Charlotte; Miss Lucinda Satterwhite, Charlotte; Mrs. Christine Sharpe, Kelford; Mrs. Willie Snead, Durham; Mrs. Annabelle Williams, Leland. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Wilma Bryant, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Chairman of the newly revised Handbook Committee. Recognition was given to Mrs. Martha Smith for the fine job she was doing with her husband, Mr. Thomas Smith, Superintendent of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

A special selection was from Mrs. Hattie Fullwood and the Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship.

President Edwards presented Dr. Shirley Alexander Hart, President of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Minister's Widows, to bring the address for the Sixteenth Annual Pre-Convention Banquet.

"Your theme '. . . In Christian Stewardship' is a good theme. My source of inspiration is the Bible. You can read the newspaper and watch TV, but rarely are you going to read or hear about what the Lord wants you to do. Romans, the 12th chapter and 1st verse, reads: 'I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.' It is easier to say Christians in the service of the Lord. Sometimes those who are not Christians can do good deeds. How does a Christian serve? What is their responsibility and a reasonable service?

"Paul is saying present bodies as living sacrifices. (It does not mean death.) We sacrifice our lives by our bodies becoming a sacrifice. If there is a job to be done, we work until we get it done.

"Go ye therefore into all the world . . . feed the hungry, visit the prisoners, work to stamp out drugs. If you are being a good steward of God's service you won't get tired and restless. You sleep 8 hours, work 8 hours and have 8 hours left to do something else. How much time are you using in the time for God? Should I ask when was the last time you shared a meal with the elderly, when was the last time you gave a pair of shoes or clothes for the needy? How many of you have offered your time for tutoring? Do our youth see you as an example? How many of them see you living with a man and you call him a roomer? What is your relationship with your fellowman?

"You must be holy and acceptable unto God. Set your life apart and be willing to say 'Here Am I, O Lord send me.'

"There are five things you need to be successful like Joshua:

1. Be an obedience leader
2. Be a good follower
3. Be committed
4. Have togetherness
5. Have faith.

"Remember that a house divided among itself cannot stand. We can compare the service in the military with service for God.

"1. In the military you have the draft and volunteer. In the service of the Lord it is always voluntary.

"2. In the military you have ranks. In the service of the Lord we are all soldiers.

"3. In the military you have special uniforms according to the branch of service. In the service of the Lord we (all) are suppose to keep (on the armor in Ephesians the sixth chapter).

"4. In the military soldiers absent without leave are put out of service or punished. The Lord will take us back without punishment.

"5. The military issues checks the 1st and 15th of the month. The Lord pays daily. We are judged by stewardship sown.

"6. A bugle is blown for chow, to get up and different intervals. A trumpet is going to sound for those of us who believe on God.

" 'If when you give the best of your service, telling the world that the savior is come, be not dismayed when men don't believe you, He'll understand and say well done.

'But if you try and fail in your trying hands sore and scarred from the work you've begun, Take up your cross, run quickly to meet Him, He'll understand and say well done.' "

Solos for the banquet were rendered by Victor M. Davis, First Baptist, Fayetteville, and Ms. Judy Dewberry, Gethsemane, Charlotte. Dinner music was played by Donald Crawford and Waverly Camp.



Upper tier, L-R: Rev. C.E. Dewberry, Dr. C.C. Craig, Mrs. J.B. Humphrey, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Dr. Charles Hart. Lower tier, L-R: Dr. Thelma Horton, Dr. Georgia Turner, Dr. E.B. Turner, Mr. J.B. McLester, Dr. B.D. Horne, Mrs. Shirley Bullock.



Dr. Shirley Alexander Hart gives address at 16th Annual Pre-Convention Banquet.



Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie welcoming the members and friends of the Convention.



Upper tier, L-R: Dr. L.D. Edwards, Dr. C.R. Edwards, Dr. P.A. Brodie, Mrs. E.H. Johnson, Dr. S.R. Johnson, Mrs. Ruby Owens, Dr. C.V. Owens. Lower tier, L-R: Dr. J.H. White, Mrs. Nowella Whitted, Mrs. Trumills McDowell, Mrs. Wilma Bryant, Ms. Louise Rountree, Mrs. Colene Stanley, Mrs. Barbara Hewett, Ms. Jerrye Griffin.

Summary of October 1989 Summary School Lessons

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

The first three lessons for October are taken from the book of Daniel. As we explore these passages and those from I and II Thessalonians, which are the texts for the remaining lessons background reading is essential to help pull the lessons together. Some background for the Daniel passages is that the events occurred earlier in Israel's history than the lessons from Ezekiel we studied last month. Let's look a little closer.

When Nebuchadnezzar first came to power, he conquered Judah and took some of the young, strong men to Babylon. Included among his captives were Daniel, Mishael, Hananiah and Azoriah. Once in Babylon, these men were sent to the king's school, a three year program, that would prepare them in the ways of the Babylonians and as advisors to the king. It was while he was a student in this program that David recounted and intrepreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The passages of Daniel, like those in Ezekiel, are apocalyptic. They must be prayerfully read and studied, although the full understanding remains veiled until Jesus' glorious return.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream that he could not remember, but it deeply disturbed his soul. None of the wise men of Babylon, who had boasted of their supernatural powers, could tell the king what his dream was. Because of their failure, the king was going to have them all killed. This action would have included killing Daniel, Mishael, Hananiah, and Azoriah (NOTE: It was the custom of the time that the king re-named his captives. Daniel was called Belteshazzar; Hananiah, Shadrach; Mishael, Meshach; Azoriah, Abed-nego. Sound familiar?) Daniel and his brethren sought the Lord about the king's dream. God gave Daniel a vision that revealed the king's dream (Daniel 2:19). Here Daniel is in a strange land with strange customs and people, but he remained faithful to the Lord, and all that he had been taught. God provided for Daniel and his comrades. Daniel told the king his dream exactly as he had dreamed it. The king was amazed and knew without question that Daniel would also be able to give the interpretation God will be with us if we will walk with Him wherever we are or whatever the circumstances. Because of his obedience to God, Daniel was able to do what no one else could do. Consequently, he won the respect of the king, and he didn't have to compromise his relationship with the Lord.

So what was the dream about? Before telling the dream Daniel made it very clear that neither recounting the dream nor its interpretation was in his power. It was God who had given them. Here is the interpretation: The golden head represented the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar, a mighty king. But Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom would not last forever. Several kingdoms would come after it. These kingdoms were represented by the body of the image. Four kingdoms were identified that would follow. The silver chest and arms represented a kingdom strong in power, but not in quality. Today we identify this as the Medo-Persian kingdom. The brass belly and thighs represented a kingdom of overwhelming power, but a lesser quality. This is the reign of the Greek, Alexander the Great. The fourth kingdom of iron, was very strong indeed, but even less precious in quality than the preceeding kingdoms. This is the Roman empire.

The iron kingdom of the Roman empire would not be destroyed by a stronger kingdom, but weakened by divisions. This is shown by the two legs of the beast. The toes made of iron and clay represent the growing weakness of the empire because of its divisions. The dream culminates in verse 44 where God establishes His Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. This kingdom will consume all others, and last forever. We have the victory in Jesus! If we commit our lives to Him, we become joint heirs to the everlasting kingdom — the kingdom that will NEVER be destroyed!

LESSON 2 is taken from Daniel 7:13, 21-27. The lesson explores the prophecy of a dream Daniel had some 60 years after he explained Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The time of the setting is after Nebuchadnezzar's death, and during the early reign of Belshazzar as king of Babylon. In the dream, four beasts appeared from the sea — a lion, a bear, a leopard, and a fourth terribly destructive, yet unnamed beast. This fourth beast had 10 horns, but an eleventh horn appeared and displaced three of the horns. And then the Lord, the "Ancient of Days," sat in judgment. The fourth beast was destroyed.

Daniel's dream parallels the dream of Nebuchadnezzar some six decades prior. Several kingdoms would follow Nebuchadnezzar's empire, and one would arise that would war against God's people. This kingdom would even have dominion over the chosen for a time. However, at the end of that time, God, the "Ancient of Days," will come and sit in judgment. No matter what oppression God's people face, no matter what success evildoers may have, it is only for a time. Our eternal God will come and bring judgment against that evil. Then the saints of the Most High will be welcomed into His Kingdom for eternity.

Who are the saints of the Most High? Those who have given their lives to the Lord. They are dedicated, set apart, as they walk daily with Him. Have you made that commitment to the Lord? This series of lessons shows us that we, as God's children may face oppression, but the Lord has the final victory. We must remain obedient for we know the Lord will return to bring that victory.

LESSON 3 for October is titled "Final Victory for God's People." The text is Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13. At the time of the text, the Babylonian empire had ended, just as Daniel prophecied, and Cyrus is king of Persia. We find Daniel as a high official in the government. In the text, Daniel is describing another vision, a vision that depicts the final victory that we read about in our previous two lessons.

Chapter twelve begins by prophecying of a time of trouble like there has never been. This is a time when God's help will be needed as never before. During this time, Michael, the archangel, will be present and God's people will be delivered from their trouble. Who are God's people? The children of Israel were known as God's people, but verse 1b describes that "thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." This could be pointing to the "Lamb's Book of Life" found in Rev. 21:27.

The prophecy more certainly points to the return of Jesus in verse 2 where the resurrection of the dead is described. Verse 3 describes the reward for those who have been "wise" by being obedience to the Lord. We too can join in that reward if we commit our lives to the Lord, keep His commandments and draw nearer to Him. We can share in the glory forever. We can share in the glory of the resurrection but as we see in verses 6-7, we do not know when the final victory will take place. In verses 8-11 we see that just as the revelation is not clear to us, it was not clear to Daniel either. Daniel was seeking to understand. But in verse 9, he was, and we are too, commanded to go on with our lives because the words are closed and sealed until the end of time. Then, the mystery will be answered.

Our lesson continues by describing events that will happen before the Lord returns. The prophecy of verse 10 applies to us today if we will accept Jesus. We can be "purified" by His blood. If we walk with Him, then we will be tried. And there will be those who will not accept the free gift of eternal life. The prophecy continues by promising that the wicked will continue to have a veil over their eyes, "but the wise will understand." If we are faithful, we are promised a blessing and the assurance of rest. We are challenged to fight the good fight of faith. Are you armed for battle?

LESSON 4 brings us to the New Testament prophecies of Paul. The text for this lesson is I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11. The Thessalonians were looking for Jesus to return at any minute, and were persecuted for their belief. Yet they found courage to stand in the assurance that this would all end when Jesus returned in triumph. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians to encourage them in their faithfulness, and to teach them further in the ways of the Lord. The message Paul had for the Thessalonians applies to us today, as we await the return of Jesus.

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As we face the trials and tribulations of this life, we find hope in knowing that Jesus is coming back. For those who die in Christ, while those of us who remain may be saddened by their sleep, we can rejoice for they too will participate in Jesus' return (vs 13-14). Verse 15 assures us that while those who are alive when Jesus returns will go back, they will not go before those who "sleep in Him."

What a great day it will be! Jesus will come back "with a shout, the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God . . ." (v. 16). Then both those who have been resurrected and those who live will meet Jesus in the air to be with Him forever.

Paul's teachings parallel Daniel's prophecies. Jesus will come in glory, but we do not know when. We don't know when Jesus will come, but He will come, "as a thief in the night." For this reason we are to be prepared. None will escape the judgment (I Thess. 5:3). Paul exhorts us that we do not have to be in darkness about Jesus' return. As Christians, we are the "children of light." The truth is ours through Jesus. We must be alert and as we learned in Daniel — going our way in the Lord. Paul commands that we put on the whole armor and take our relationship with the Lord seriously.

God has provided the Way for us — JESUS. If we will accept this loving gift, then we have a part in the final victory. Paul challenges us to comfort one another as we walk together. We are to praise, encourage, and at the same time caution one another to prevent someone from falling. We must remain alert, dressed in our armor and lift one another, as we await Jesus' return. What are you doing?

In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, he cautions them about events that would challenge them as they anticipated the Lord's return. (Remember the Thessalonians believed Jesus would return any day.) We like the Thessalonians, are subject to make two mistakes as we await the Lord's return: believe Jesus' return is in the distant future and we don't have to worry about it; believe Jesus' return is so imminent that nothing else is important. Paul tells us to acknowledge that Jesus will return, but not to get disturbed by prophecies of when Jesus returns. The Lord told us not even the angels know when He will return. II Thessalonians 2:2 tells of 3 ways we might hear of prophecies of Jesus' return: "Spirit" people who will say they are led of the spirit to tell when Jesus will return; "by Word" — people passing the word of when Jesus will come back. Think of how quickly the word spread this past year when "THE DAY" for the Lord's Day approached. We must be careful; "by letter as from us" — Paul was talking about representing themselves as the Lord's spokesmen. We must study and know the Word so we will not be misled by those who would come in the guise of the Lord. If we have a love and commitment to the Truth, then we will not be deceived.

As Paul's prophecy continues, he points out 2 events that would occur before Jesus's return: A falling away — many who had come to know the Lord would turn away from Him; the man of sin would be revealed — we have seen many sinful men in and out of the church. There may be, in keeping with Daniel's prophecy, one man more terrible than ever. This man will try to put himself in God's place.

The Wicked One will deceive many who will fall prey to false miracles, signs and wonders. They will be deceived because they love unrighteousness rather than the truth. Where are you in Christ? Have you heeded the signs of the times and answered the call on your life? If not give your life to the Lord, right now. If you have answered the call, stand fast in the Lord.

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both a congress secretary and assistant secretary.

The committee also informed the congress that Mr. Timothy Freeman, who was elected associate congress dean in 1987, will now serve in this position.

Following an urgent appeal by Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School, for funds necessary to relieve a financial crisis which the Divinity School faces, the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church Department of Christian Education, Fayetteville, challenged by Dr. Shaw's appeal, pledged through its Sunday School and Church Training Union a contribution of $5,000.00 within ninety days. It is their hope that this pledge will spark other churches to also respond. Dr. John D. Fuller is the pastor.



Dr. J. Ray Butler preaches at Annual SS & BTU Congress.



Mrs. Elizabeth Young leads Congress workshop.



Congress Class



Junior Wertz Oratorical Contest participants.



Congress class

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc.; Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary; and Dr. Leo Williams, Director of Christian Education, focused the attention of delegates on the total program of the GBSC and the role which they as local constituents can assume in the accomplishment of goals.

Conclusion. The Congress Theme Song, "Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling," introduced first as a solo by Deacon Robert Stewart accompanied by Mrs. Stewart, and later as the closing congress thought, reiterated the fact that a positive response to our Saviour's call to serve in His vineyard is of paramount importance.

For inspiration, information, motivation, and fellowship,the Congress was truly a rewarding experience.



Senior Wertz Oratorical Contest participants.





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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Winston-Salem Will Celebrate 75th Anniversary This Month

By Ms. Helen Watkins

The Emmanuel Baptist Church will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary October 14 through 15. On Saturday night, Oct. 14, our banquet will be held at the M.C. Benton Convention center downtown Winston-Salem at 7 p.m.



Dr. Mendez

The renowned Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., will be the speaker for the 75th Anniversary of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Dr. Sampson, a native of Port Arthur, Texas, holds numerous degrees from noted colleges and universities, such as Columbia University, New York City, Howard University, Washington, D.C., he additionally holds a degree from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia. Dr. Sampson is a noted speaker and lecturer, lectures at five colleges and universities on an annual basis. Dr. Sampson's speaking engagements take him to over 20 states during the year.

Dr. Sampson's service record is outstanding as he has been a delegate to the United Nations, President and Vice President of the NAACP, Vice Chairman, Community Programs of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Sampson completed "Teaching-Preaching Study Mission" in five Africian countries, Rome and the Netherlands.

Along with having an outstanding service record, Dr. Sampson is a participating board member of several major companies and corporations. Dr. Sampson has published numerous articles and a book entitled "The Romance of Theology in the Black Experience." To Dr. Sampson's credit one of the most noted honors bestowed upon him was to be selected as one of the 15 GREATEST BLACK PREACHERS IN AMERICA.

Dr. Sampson could not have accomplished his many feats without the help of GOD AND HIS FAMILY. His wife is the former Earlene Harrison and they have two children and grandchildren.

He would like for you to share the banquet with us.

You may purchase banquet tickets by sending your check of $20 to: Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107.

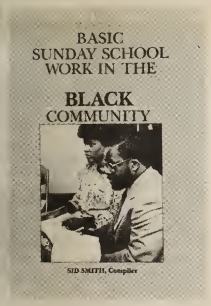
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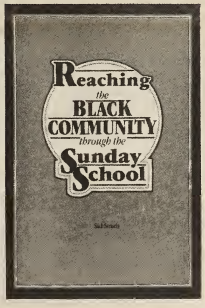
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N.C. Baptist Leaders Support Jordan-Longmire Sacred Music Cassette Project

On the morning of Wednesday, August 16, 1989, delegates to the annual State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress (GBSC) were warmly inspired when the organization's president, Cedric H. Jones introduced Willie Jordan, lyrico-spinto soprano and former director of music (1983-1987). The state's meeting of Sunday School and Baptist Training Union educators began on Tuesday, August 15 in Durham at the Union Baptist Church, Dr. Grady D. Davis, Pastor.

On behalf of the partnership's spokesperson, James Longmire, bass baritone, Ms. Jordan briefly informed North Carolina Baptist representatives regarding an upcoming stereo cassette of sacred music that will consist of hymns, concert arranged spirituals and excerpts of the oratorios, **Ellijah** by Felix Mendelssohn and **Messiah** by George Frederick Handel. Many delegates to the congress explained the concerns of the people's need for greater exposure and appreciation of these styles of church music that, in many cases, have been excluded from worship in many of our black churches. This professional project was produced by The Jordan-Longmire Partnership, Inc. and Richard Whitley, piano accompanist and coach recorded by SoundTrax (Glenwood Avenue) of Raleigh on Monday, August 14, 1989. The cassette tape of sacred music will be released for commercial sales in mid October of this year.

The artists achieved an historic goal when fifty (50) black baptist leaders across North Carolina contributed toward a pre-sale of the cassette tapes. A total of five-hundred dollars ($500) was collected during the brief period from Wednesday, August 16 through Thursday, August 17. The roster of contributors and future owners of the "first" cassette tapes are as follows: Mr. C.L. Brantley, Shelby; Miss Esther M. Bullock, Henderson; Mrs. Marian W. Burch, Youngsville; Rev. Thurman L. Chestnutt, Whiteville; Mrs. Novella B. Chick, Butner; Mr. Donald Crawford, Lowell; Mrs. Helen W. Daniel, Durham; Rev. James R. Davis, Henderson; Rev. C.L. Faison, Henderson; Mrs. Mary R. Faison, Rocky Point; Mrs. Elizabeth J. Fleming, Henderson; Mr. Harold L. Ford, Clarkton; Dr. John D. Fuller, Fayetteville; Dr. J.W. Gorham, Wagram; Mrs. Annie J. Hall, Clinton; Mrs. Jade Osborne Harris, Charlotte; Dr. Richard M. Henderson, Manson; Mrs. Rosa S. Holloway, Durham; Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Charlotte; Mrs. Barbara S. Jones, Wendell; Mr. Cedric H. Jones, Charlotte; Rev. P.R. Jones, Durham; Rev. Lottie Blair Kee, Durham; Mr. Leamon W. Lassiter, Clayton; Dr. Elbert Lee, Rocky Mount; Dr. W.B. Lewis, Raleigh; Mrs. Willie B. Loftin, Rocky Point; Miss Mildred Martin, Henderson; Mr. Abner S. Mason, Durham; Mrs. Rochelle M. Merriett, Zebulon; Mrs. Alice B. Mitchell, Durham; Mrs. Georgia P. Mitchell, Durham; Mr. Haywood McKoy, Hallsboro; Rev. Thomas D. McLaughlin Jr., Bear Creek; Rev. James C. and Mrs. Hazel McLean, Laurinburg; Dr. J.B. McLester, Durham; Rev. Kelzo B. Neal, North Wilksboro; Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Raleigh; Mr. L.P. Peace, Roxboro; Rev. Preston and Mrs. Lois Pendergrass, Charlotte; Miss Miriam G. Ricks, Durham; Rev. Daniel Sanders, Raleigh; Mrs. Johnnie Y. Sanders, Henderson; Ms. Ethel M. Stanfield, Durham; Rev. S.L. and Mrs. Geneva R. Suitt, Creedmoor; Rev. Elma M. Thomas, Charlotte; Rev. Howard M. Todd, Raleigh; Mr. Alonzo Turner Jr., Hertford; Mrs. Erdyne H. Yates, Zebulon; Mrs. Elizabeth W. Young, Southport.

As the pre-sale of this project continues, please call (919) 832-3148 or (919) 834-6870 for further information. The cost per tape is ten dollars ($10) and is inclusive of sales tax.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Evangelism Chairman Jinwright Lectures During National Baptist Convention



Dr. A.L. Jinwright

NEW ORLEANS — The Rev. Dr. Anthony Jinwright, Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. and Chairman of Evangelism Committee, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., gave an Evangelistm Lecture, "The Characteristics of a Great Church."

Dr. Jinwright appeared on the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. Evangelism Service, Sept. 5, 1989, at the 10 o'clock p.m. Evangelism Service. The service was held at the New Orleans Hilton in the Grand Ball Room.

There were over 3,000 persons present for the service. Dr. Jinwright was supported by his wife, and a host of General Baptist pastors and messengers to the historic session.

Evangelism Chairman Jinwright brought the audience to its feet as he lectured/preached about a "great" church. He told those present that a great church had: 1) POWER OF GOD: 2) GRACE OF GOD; and 3) SUFFERS GREAT PERSECUTION.

In a post-Convention interview Jinwright thanked God for using him during the Evangelism service in New Orleans. He also was grateful for the support of the North Carolina delegation. He said, "I was so pleased to see all the North Carolina support, . . . our President (Dr. J.B. Humphrey), was there along with so many others, . . . it is difficult for me to put into words the spiritual experience I had."

The National Baptist Convention is led by the Rev. Dr. T.J. Jeminson and the Chairman of the NBC Evangelism Committee is the Rev. Dr. Jasper Williams.

Wendell A. Johnson Elected President Of American Baptist Ministers Council

The Ministers Council Senate of American Baptist Churches, USA in its Annual meeting July 22-26, 1989 elected Rev. Wendell A. Johnson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., President for the term January 1990-December 1993.

Rev. Johnson is currently serving as President, American Baptist Churches of the South, one of thirty-seven constituent regions.

The Ministers Council provides a forum for pastors and other professional church leaders in the denomination. The Ministers Council advises constituent churches on ordination credentials and standards and serves as an advocacy body for professional church leaders.

The council's current membership is approximately 2,000 members representing 6,000 churches in American Baptist Churches, USA.



Rev. Wendell A. Johnson

John O. Peterson Nominated As BWA Vice President

McLEAN, Virginia (BWA) — Twelve world Baptist leaders were nominated to be Baptist World Alliance vice presidents for the next quinquennium, 1990-95, by the BWA General Council during its annual meeting July 31 to August 5 in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Almost every regional fellowship is represented by at least one person, and these persons all exemplify outstanding, proved leadership to the Alliance and within their organizations, Robert C. Campbell, chairman of the Officers Search Committee, said of the unanimously approved group.

Nominated as vice presidents were:

— Harold C. Bennett, president-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee;

— Shirley Bentall, past president of the Canadian Baptist Federation;

— Jachin Y. Chan, president of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong;

— Irmgard Claas, wife of past BWA General Secretary-Treasurer Gerhard Claas, of the Union of Evangelical Free Churches in Germany;

— Edna Lee de Gutiérrez, president of the BWA Women's Department, of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico;

— Mary Kalil, treasurer of the Baptist Association of El Salvador;

— Warren R. Magnuson, former general secretary of the Baptist General Conference;

— Joseph S. Mans, president of the Sierra Leone Baptist Convention;

— John O. Peterson, pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, the largest church contributor to the BWA general budget for the fiscal year 1988-89, of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.;

— Charles Smith, former president of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Education Convention;

— Cora Sparrowk, past president of American Baptist Churches in the USA and chairman of the BWA Commission on Christian Ethics and the Study and Research Committee;

— Janos Vizcian, president of the Baptist Union of Hungary.

Voting and formal appointments of the 12 new vice presidents will take place during the 16th Baptist World Congress August 14 to 19, 1990, in Seoul, Korea.

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Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

From The President's Desk

Shaw Scholar Discovers Gandhi Letters

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Dr. James D. Hunt of Shaw University, while traveling in South Africa, discovered a collection of letters written to Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian leaders. These have now been published as **Gandhi's Editor,** a volume released this month by Promilla and Company of New Delhi, India. It is Dr. Hunt's third book on Gandhi.

A professor of religion at Shaw, Dr. Hunt was searching neglected libraries in South Africa for data on the beginnings of Gandhi's career when he came upon a small letterbook containing carbon copies of office correspondence. The letters, 61 of them, had been written by M.H. Nazar, an Indian journalist who became the editor of a weekly newspaper established by Gandhi. They reveal incidents of Gandhi's return to South Africa in 1902 and the establishment of the newspaper.

The letters show the problems created by increasing discrimination against the Indians after the British won the Boer War. Gandhi's newspaper was started to bolster the Indian struggle against new infringements on their rights. Nazar, a cool and ironic observer, relates to Gandhi the agonies of getting out the first issues of the new weekly.

More than half the letters were in the Gujarati language; the rest in English. Dr. Harkant Mankad, who was then teaching Management and Economics at Shaw, made the original translation. He is now teaching Business Economics in Bombay, India.

The volume was co-edited by Dr. Surendra Bhana, a Professor of History at the University of Durban, South Africa. He visited Shaw in March 1986 while working on the volume and addressed the faculty on the effects of Apartheid on university education in South Africa. He is now teaching at the University of Kansas.

The full title is **Gandhi's Editor: The Letters of M.H. Nazar, 1902-1903.** Hunt's previous volumes were **Gandhi in London** (1978) and **Gandhi and the Nonconformists** (1986). He was in India last winter under a grant from the American Philosophical Society researching for another book. He has been at Shaw University since 1968.

Shaw University Awarded $105,000 Institutional Development Grant

By Dr. Ronald Swain

Shaw University is one of the 12 historically black college and universities (HBCUs) selected as a Lilly Endowment, Inc., grant recipient in the second round of a three-year, $3.8 million effort to strengthen the institutions and their facilities.

Shaw University will use the grant to improve its institutional research capacity in the office of institutional advancement and planning.

The Indianapolis-based charitable foundation awarded this year's recipients a total of $1.26 million. Selected institutions include 10 private and 2 public schools concentrated in the southern United States (see attached list).

In announcing the grant program, Dr. William C. Bonifield, endowment vice-president for education, said, "The endowment is pleased with the results achieved by last year's grantees. We anticipate equally significant progress from these current recipients."

Bonifield said the endowment supports a number of programs at mainstream colleges and universities, but national research demonstrates that a significant proportion of minority students prefers to attend historically black institutions. Bonifield said, "These schools have proven successful in graduating large proportions of minority students. Further, more HBCU graduates pursue and attain graduate and professional degrees. We want to provide support for these institutions as they help to prepare the future leaders of this nation."

The endowment annually invites a group of HBCUs to submit proposals aimed at strengthening either the institutions or their faculties. The endowment pledged to fund a maximum of 12 grants, each amounting to as much as $105,000 over a three-year period. Endowment officials will invite another group of HBCUs next year. In sum, about 60 institutions, including the 41 independent colleges affiliated with the United Negro College Fund, will vie for as many as 36 grants.

In explaining the thrust of the new grants for faculty and institutional development, Bonifield said, "Quality education pivots on the fundamental strength of an institution's faculty and on administrative skill in identifying a mission, recruiting and fund raising."



Dr. Ronald Swain
Vice President
for Development

THANK YOU

Report of the President on Endowment Gifts from the GBSC Family

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

RALEIGH, NC — Shaw University sincerely appreciates the contributions from the GBSC to the recent endowment campaign. Following are lists of: 1) Personal Contributions; 2) Auxiliaries, Associations and Unions; 3) Churches. If there are any questions or corrections please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Ronald Swain, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, 919/755-4935. Thank you.



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw (3rd from left) holds $1 million check for the Shaw University Endowment Fund. He is flanked by Senator Robert Morgan, University trustee and chairman for corporate support; Mrs. Barbara J. McSweeney, president of the National Alumni Association; Dr. C.R. Edwards, chairman of the General Baptist steering committee; Dr. Josephine D. Clement, vice chairman of the University Board of Trustees; Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, co-chairman of the General Baptist steering committee; Dr. J.B. Humphrey, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.; and Dr. Thomas E. Kee, Shaw's vice president for enrollment management.

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Wake	
Deep River	
Mecklenburg General	
	$750 - $1,000
	Northampton Co. Baptist Union
Bear Creek	
Rowan	
Lumber River	
Wilson	Preachers & Deacons Union
Rowan	Usher's Convention
Zion	
United Shiloh	Development Corporation
	$500 - $750
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Johnston District	
Roanoke	
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East Cedar Grove	
Johnston District	Ushers Union
Mud Creek	Ministerial Union
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New Hope	District III
Wilson	Wilson County Sunday School Union
	$150 - $350
Trent River Oakey Grove	Union #2
	United Eastern District M. B.
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High Point	Women's Auxiliary
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Eastern District	Woman's Auxiliary
New Hope	Musical Convention
Old Eastern	Eastern District Union
Rowan	BTU of Forsyth Co.
Rowan	Forsyth Co. Deacons Union
Wilson	Wilson County SS Convention
Hammonds Creek	
New Hope	Durham County Missionary Union
	$100 and Less
	City Baptist Sunday School Union
of Charlotte	
Deep River	Deep River Missionary Auxiliary
Union	
KEMB	Northern District Ushers
Wilson	Wilson County Choir Union
Northampton	
New Bern Eastern	Woman's Auxiliary
Wilson County	Usher's Union
	Warren County SS & BTU Conv.
Rowan	United Usher Board
Wilson	Wilson County Missionary Union
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First	Fayetteville	Union
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$5,000 - $9,999

White Rock	Durham	New Hope
Martin Street	Raleigh	Wake
Watts Chapel	Raleigh	Johnston District
Friendship	Charlotte	Mecklenburg General
Shiloh	Winston-Salem	Rowan

$2,000 - $4,999

First Cosmopolitan	Raleigh	Wake
Union	Durham	East Cedar Grove
New Bethel	Winston-Salem	Rowan
Jackson Chapel	Wilson	Wilson
United Metropolitan	Winston-Salem	Rowan
First	Lumberton	Lumber River
First Calvary	Salisbury	Rowan
Metropolitan	Rocky Mount	Neuse River
Mt. Vernon	Durham	New Hope
Shiloh	Shelby	Ebenezer
First	Fairmount	Lumber River
Lawson Chapel	Roxboro	East Cedar Grove
Antioch	Charlotte	Lane Creek
St. James	Rocky Mount	Neuse River
Zion	Reidsville	Rowan
New Mount Olive	Asheville	Mud Creek
Shiloh	Greensboro	Rowan
First African	Goldsboro	Bear Creek
Mt. Calvary	Shelby	Ebenezer
Piney Grove	Waxhaw	Yadkin Philadelphia

$1,000 - $1,999

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Mt. Pisgah	Waxhaw	Lane Creek
West Durham	Durham	East Cedar Grove
Providence	Greensboro	Rowan
Eskridge Grove	Shelby	Ebenezer
Locust Grove	Wise	Reedy Creek
Morning Star First	Hickory	Mountain and Catawba
First	Burlington	Rowan
Galilee	Winston-Salem	Rowan
Union	Winston-Salem	Rowan
Mt. Gilead	Durham	New Hope
First	Franklinton	Wake
Elizabeth	Monroe	Zion
Mt. Zion Missionary	Beaufort	Old Eastern Missionary
Mount Calvary	New Bern	Old Eastern
Mayfield Memorial	Charlotte	
Antioch	Monroe	Yadkin Philadelphia
Nicey Grove	Wingate	Zion
Big Macedonia	Supply	Brunswick Waccamaw
Eastern Star	Tarboro	Neuse River
Mt. Moriah	Matthews	
Mt. Zion	Albemarle	Rowan
Hill Street	Asheville	Mud Creek
Apex First	Apex	New Hope
Best Grove	Goldsboro	Bear Creek
Silver Mount	Charlotte	Mecklenburg General
Galilee	Oakboro	Zion
Phillippi Missionary	Simpson	Old Eastern
Sandy Run Missionary	Jacksonville	Trent River Oakey Grove
St. Paul Missionary	Tarboro	Old Eastern
Pleasant Hill	Charlotte	Mount Peace
University Park	Charlotte	Mount Peace
Sandy Branch	Roxobel	
Sycamore Hill	Greenville	Ocean View
Triumph	Washington	Old Eastern
Lisbon Street	Clinton	Western Union
Yadkin Star	Lexington	
Red Hill	Brown Summit	Cedar Grove
Piney Grove	Marshville	Lane Creek
Star of Bethlehem	Fairmount	Lumber River
Reeder Memorial	Charlotte	Mecklenburg General
Greater Galilee	Charlotte	Mount Peace
St. John	Statesville	Mountain and Catawba
Mt. Zion Missionary	Asheville	Mud Creek
Mt. Olive	Bayboro	New Bern Eastern
Northside	Durham	New Home and Durham
New Hope	Apex	New Hope
Mt. Shiloh	Williamston	Old Eastern
Holly Grove	Rockingham	Pee Dee
Mount Vernon	High Point	Rowan
Gethsemane	Salisbury	Rowan
Mt. Pleasant	Winston-Salem	Rowan
Ellerbe Grove Missionary	Rockingham	St. John
Saint John	Red Oak	Tar River
Grays Creek	Hope Mills	Union
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Faith Missionary	Raleigh	Wake
Friendship	Monroe	Zion

$500 - $999

Greater Mt. Sinai	Charlotte	
Zion Memorial	Winston-Salem	Rowan
St. John	Durham	East Cedar Grove
Springfield	Raleigh	Wake
Brookston	Henderson	United Shiloh
Poplar Springs	Rockingham	Pee Dee
First	Warsaw	Kenansville Eastern
West Hill Street	Warsaw	Kenansville Eastern
First Calvary	Sanford	Deep River
St. Phillips	Pollocksville	Trent River Oakey Grove
First	Wadesboro	Zion
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First	Thomasville	Rowan
Good Hope	Fayetteville	Union
First Missionary	Kinston	Bear Creek
First	Hamlet	Zion
Elizabeth	Marshville	Lane Creek
First Mount Calvary	Charlotte	Mount Peace
Mt. Holly Missionary	Rocky Point	
Washington Chapel	Jacksonville	Trent River Oakey Grove
Mitchell Chapel	Louisburg	United Shiloh
Cedar Grove	Whiteville	Lumber River
Shady Grove	Pelham	Cedar Grove
Evening View	Jacksonville	Trent River Oakey Grove
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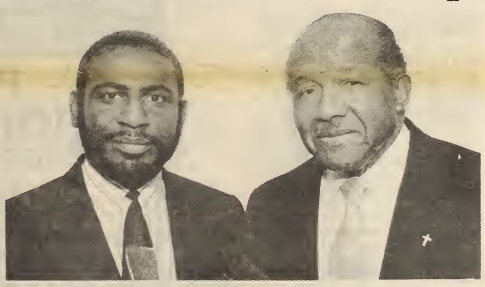
1	New Year's Day
2-5	Shaw Divinity School Registration Spring Semester, Raleigh, NC
12	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Banquet Raleigh, NC
13	Woman's State Convention Mid-Year Session, Civic Center Raleigh, N.C.
15	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: HOLIDAY
20	Shaw Divinity School Orientation Assembly, Raleigh, NC
22-26	National Baptist Mid-Year Baton Rouge, LA
22-26	Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year Oakland, CA
30	Christian Education Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC
30	Johnson Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC

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3	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 A.M. Baptist Headquarters
10	One-Day Session SS and BTU Congress, Raleigh, NC
11-15	Shaw University, Religious Emphasis Week
24	One-Day Session Usher's Convention, Fayetteville, NC
28	Ash Wednesday

Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of GBSC Announces 1990 Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet To Be Held January 12, 1990, 7 p.m. At The W. Carr Scott Building On The State Fairgrounds, Gate #11, 1025 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, N.C., (Tickets $17.00). All Tickets Sold In Advance Through: Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601, 919/821-7466.

"Thank You Salem Baptist Church"



From left to right: Dr. J.B. Humphrey and Dr. A.L. Jinwright.

I want to personally thank the Salem Missionary Baptist Church and its Pastor Dr. A. Jinwright for the way they hosted our General Baptist Convention family during the 122nd Annual Session of the Convention Parent Body and the 40th Annual Session of the Laymen's League Convention. The sessions were held, October 29-November 2, 1989 in Charlotte, North Carolina at the Salem Baptist Church, 5318 Salem Church Road. Our Convention theme was: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship."

We had overflow crowds each day, approximately 1,000 persons attended the sessions daily.

CONVENTION REPORT

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

The 122nd Annual Session of the GBSC and 40th Annual Session of the Laymen's League Convention met October 29-November 2, 1989 in Charlotte, NC at the Salem Baptist Church, Dr. A.J. Jinwright, Pastor.

The Convention was opened with a spirit-filled, gospel, musical led by the A.L. Jinwright Mass Choir. The choir was directed by Brother Patrick Love, and Sister Harriet Porter-Jinwright. The Master of Ceremony was Brother Anthony Stillwell. The choir was accompanied by piano, organ, drums, and bass guitar. Some of the featured selections were: "The Lord Liveth," "Woke Up This Morning," "Wait On The Lord," "Learn How To Trust In Jesus," and "Keep the Faith." Soloist included: Sisters; H. Porter-Jinwright, Rita Gardner, Reverend Audrey Spears; and, Brothers Quinten Douglas, and Ronnie Love.

Monday, October 30 was highlighted by the Laymen's League Convention, Dr. Charles C. Alston, President presided. The opening session featured welcome remarks, recognitions, and a message by the Reverend Ervin Millsap, Pastor, Saint John Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

On Monday night the Laymen's League sponsored a SPECIAL YOUTH NIGHT. Keith Littlejohn, President Youth Division, North Carolina Laymen League give his address. The service ended with a sermon by the Reverend John McCullough, Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Late night Evangelism Services followed with a devotional led by the "Hymn" Choirs of Greater Galilee Baptist Church; Union Missionary Baptist Church; and New Hope Baptist Church. The preacher for the night was the Reverend Tommy McCray, Pastor, Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Mount Holly, North Carolina. Also appearing on the program was the Charlotte Area Community Choir.

The Tuesday, October 31, Laymen's Session, 1st Vice President Brother George Turner presiding, began with a workshop by Brother Jarvis Morgan, Chairman of the Study Commission. The workshop was followed by reports by Brother Everette Miles and Brother Frank Marshall. After special presentations the Laymen's President's Annual State of the League Address was delivered by Dr. Charles C. Alston, (see Address page 14). A dynamic sermon was delivered by Dr. John H. Grant, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Asheville to close out the Laymen's 40th Annual Session.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. J.B. Humphrey, Pastor, First Baptist Church West, Charlotte, North Carolina presided and called the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. to order for the One Hundred and Twenty-second time. The Convention is made up of over 1,700 churches; 1,400 Pastors; and more than 500,000 General Baptist.

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, moderators, presidents of District Unions and members of the Baptist Family:

Many thanks to you who played a vital part in making our recent annual session one among the best conventions that we have witnessed in the past few years. Many thanks to Reverend Jinwright and his wonderful members of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church for their dedicated support and cooperation in providing all of the needs for our annual session. Salem Baptist Church is a great church and Reverend Jinwright is a great pastor who leads the Salem Baptist Church to give their full support to the objectives of the Convention. Our financial contribution for the annual session amounted to a little more than $119,000.00 for the objectives and other causes.

It is my prayer that the churches of our Convention under the leadership of our dedicated pastors will continue to give in support of the objectives. Our financial goal for the fiscal year 1989-90 is $2,427,336.74. Suggested quotas for the churches will be sent out from the Baptist Headquarters within the next few days.

We urge you to send monthly contributions for State Missions and for the other objectives. We would like for you to remember that we have monthly financial obligations to meet. Therefore, we need your full support and cooperation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet

Information for the Martin Luther King Banquet is being sent to all pastors. We urge you to make plans now to attend this special event which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 1990, at the W. Carr Scott Building on the State Fairgrounds, gate #11, 1025 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, North Carolina.

Corrections

Dr. L.C. Riddick, pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. led the congregation to give a total of $79,420.00 during the fiscal year 1988-89 instead of $39,000.00 as reported in the 1988-89 Annual Report.

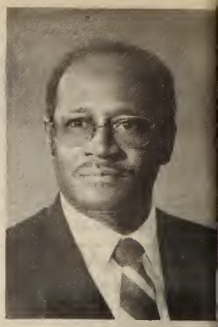
Hill Street, Asheville, N.C., Nilous Avery pastor, gave $150.00 to the Divinity School in addition to the $3,885.00 as reported in the 1988-89 Annual Report.

The pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. is Rev. John H. Walker not Rev. Darryl Robinson.

The pastor for Pilot Baptist Church in Zebulon, N.C. is Rev. Frank Bullock.

Special Note

Dr. S.A. Raper, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C., led his congregation to give $15,676.00 which represents the highest per capital in giving among the churches of the Convention during the fiscal year 1988-89.



Dr. C.C. Craig

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A Banner Year for the General Baptist State Convention

By Dr. C.C. Craig

What a fellowship! What a joy divine!, could have verbalized the radiant atmosphere during the One Hundred Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated, hosted by the Salem Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 30th through November 2, 1989. The Reverend A.L. Jinwright, Pastor; church officers; special committee; and members are to be highly commended for their invitation, thorough preparation, and superb hospitality.

The Annual Session was scheduled to punctuate the closing of one fiscal year and the thrust into the new. The theme for the old fiscal year was "The Challenge of The Unfinished Task Through Stewardship." Much effort had been put forth into developing a "stewardship culture" throughout the entire constituency of the Convention. At this session, eager eyes were watching and longing, for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's report as well as the report on new church members, to see if this labor had borne any fruits.

On Tuesday afternoon, October 31, the President, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, called the meeting of the Parent Body to order. It goes without saying that the Laymen's League Auxiliary had just concluded its

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Theme:
"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)



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From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The opening GBSC Session featured a eme address by the Reverend E.F. hite, Pastor, Mount Pleasant, Belmont, orth Carolina. His address was followed the Pastor's Seminar lead by the Rev- end Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Pastor, etropolitan Baptist Church. Dr. Hicks ectrified the seminar participants. He vered topics on the "Nuclear Ministry;" e "Organizational Structure" of the urch; and "How to Organize a Church aching Program" (see page 15).

Dr. Hicks was followed by committee ports and a dynamic sermon by Dr. J.O. horne, Moderator of the Progressive Tar ver Missionary Baptist Association.

The Tuesday evening session began th the Annual President's Banquet held the Adam's Mark Hotel. The speaker as the Reverend Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, ashington, D.C. Dr. Humphrey lead the ogram with featured awards, recogni- ons, and special music. Dr. Hicks eached a sermon that those present will ver forget about "Spiritual After ocks."

Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Pastor, Greater int Paul Baptist Church, Durham, orth Carolina, led the Tuesday night rvices. Dr. Bigelow was accompanied his officers, members, and choir from urham. His message was titled nterruptions" Saint Luke 12:13. Dr. igelow's choir sang and he led two se- ctions: "Peace Be Still" before his ser- on and "Jesus Will Fix It" following s sermon. Dr. Bigelow shared with the BSC PREACHING AT ITS BEST.

The late night Evangelistic service was lead by "Hymn" choirs from Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Galilee Baptist Church, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, and Antioch Baptist Church. The message was delivered by the Reverend Harold C. Miller, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hamlet, North Carolina. Also on the program was the CFC Mass Choir.

Wednesday, November 1, 1989 was the Convention highlight. At 7 a.m. the day started with the Annual Prison Ministry Workshop/Breakfast, at McDonald's Cafeteria, Beaties Ford Road, Charlotte. The Reverend John Prince, Raleigh, North Carolina serves as Chairman of the Prison Ministry Committee. Below is a summary of the program:

The Wednesday morning session was presided over by Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice President at Large of the GBSC. The theme address was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Howard A. Chubbs, Pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. He was followed by greetings from Mrs. Eva Johnson, President of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. Charles Alston, President, Laymen's League; Mr. Cedric Jones, President of the GBSC Congress of Christian Education; Mr. Michael Alston, Central Children's Home; and Mr. C.E. Griffin, President of the Ushers' Convention.

The highlight of the Convention was Dr. Humphrey's Annual President's Address. Dr. Humphrey called on the Convention to meet the challenge of the unfinished task in the areas of Stewardship, Commitment, and Mission/purpose. He recommended that the Convention take an active role against the drug problem in America.

The Wednesday afternoon session was presided over by Dr. C. T. Bullock, 4th Vice President, and Pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The afternoon theme address was delivered by the Reverend Chester H. Reddick. His dynamic address was followed by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Annual Report. Dr. Craig indicated that the Convention had reached many of its goals and he especially thanked the churches and pastors for the way they responded to the 1 Million $$$ Shaw University Endowment Drive. Dr. Craig gave out Annual Financial Reports, Budgets, and Minutes.

Dr. John Mendez, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and First Vice President of the GBSC gave the evening sermon.

The Wednesday evening service was presided over by the Reverend Dr. J.Z. Windley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina. The theme address was given by the Reverend W.T. Davis.

The session featured Shaw University Hour. Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University gave an outstanding presentation on the "Culture of Stewardship Giving." President Shaw encouraged the GBSC to begin making support of our institutions apart of the culture of our faith. He indicated that we must move beyond CRISIS GIVING.

Wednesday night featured a sermon by the Reverend Dr. S.C. Cureton President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina. President Cureton was accompanied by a host of distinguished pastors and moderators from South Carolina.

Late night Evangelism Services were led by "Hymn" choirs from Silvermount Baptist Church; Saint Luke Baptist Church and Tabernacle Baptist Church. Also the Union County Mass Choir shared in the service. The message was delivered by the Reverend Henry Johnson, Pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Harrisburg, North Carolina.

The closing Thursday, November 2, session was presided over by the Reverend Charles Tyner, 3rd Vice President of the GBSC. The services included Shaw Divinity School Hour. The Reverend Dr. G.T. Headen, Provost/Dean of the Divinity School led the service, which featured the Divinity School's program focus. The closing Convention sermon was delivered by the Reverend Billy Houze, Pastor, Lawndale First Baptist Church, Lawndale, North Carolina. The Convention ended with Holy Communion.

This was one of the most spirit-filled sessions in the history of the GBSC. Dr. Jinwright and the Salem Baptist Church Family were gracious and generous hosts.



L to R Vice President-At-Large, Dr. W.B. Lewis, Dr. J.B. umphrey, Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. A.L. Jinwright.



ome of the Messengers to the GBSC Annual Session.



Dr. W.T. Bigelow, preached a dynamic message "Interruptions."



Mrs. Willie Jordan Williams greets messengers at GBSC Annual Session.



President Humphrey, presiding.



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"To Raise. . . Grateful Praise"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



On January 13, 1990, will be the One-Day (Mid-Year) Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, at the Civic Center, Raleigh, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

During this time, the Rev. L.D. Parker, Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church, Charlotte, will preach. Among some of the other guest participants will be a representative from Shaw University/Divinity School, and Leadership Training Conference. There also will be the recognition of 1988-89 Lydia Circles; A-1 Circles, Unions, Auxiliaries. Dr. S.T. Church, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, is to be the Bible study leader.

The financial goal for this session is $15,000.00 with emphasis on State Missions. We can achieve this goal for missions if we pray earnestly, think positively, work zealously and give sacrificially. Let's begin now to make arrangements to attend this session.

As usual, may we give our thanks to God and all of you who support the Woman's Convention in the mission given her.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For Thy Church that evermore Lifeth holy hands above,
Offring up on ev'ry shore Her pure sacrifice of love:

Christ our God, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Apology!!

1. The Woman's Convention offe its sincere apology for any inco venience you may have experienc because of the late arrival of T **Missionary Helper.** However, the ir tial printer filed for bankruptcy.

2. In the **Missionary Guide** a **Handbook** the age level for Youth Action and Youth Messengers is co rect as given on page 72. Therefor the ages given on pages 78 and should be the same as those on pa 72.

10th Annual Family Missions Conference

By Ms. Augusta White

In spite of the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo who hit several sections of Western North Carolina and some parts of the coast approximately twenty-one (21) churches attended **the Tenth Annual Family Missions Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist State Convention,** held at Watts Chapel Baptist Church in Raleigh, Dr. Frank Weaver, host pastor. The following churches were represented at the conference: First Baptist, Franklinton; Mt. Zion, Chadbourn; Mount Vernon, Durham; Watts Chapel (Host Church), Raleigh; First Baptist, Fayetteville; Compassionate Tabernacle of Faith, Raleigh; First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh; Welches' Creek, Whiteville; Cedar Grove, Supply; Riley Hill, Wendell; Sandy Grove, Lumberton; Light Oak Baptist, Shelby; Roberts Chapel, Goldston; Little Wheel of Hope, Lake Waccamaw; Lakeview, Durham; Saint James, Rocky Mount; First Baptist, Bladenboro; First Baptist, Lumberton; and First Baptist, Reidsville.

The tone of the meeting was set with the inspirational devotion led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Worship Chairperson of the Woman's Convention. The theme for the conference was "The Family and Christian Stewardship."

Following the devotion, President Eva Johnson presented Dr. Frank B. Weaver, Pastor, Watts Chapel, Raleigh for greetings. Dr. Weaver greeted the group and extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the members of Watts Chapel Church.

Statement of purpose was given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary. It is good to see you here this morning for our tenth Annual Family Missions Conference. We are fortunate to have four outstanding consultants to lead the discussions on our theme: Rev. T.B. Jiles, Pastor of Compassionate Tabernacle of Faith, Raleigh; Mrs. Catherine Walters, a board member of the Woman's Baptist State Convention from Bladenboro; Rev. Alphonzo Fullwood, Director of Alumni and Church Relations at the Shaw Divinity School and Pastor of Riley Hill, Wendell; and Mrs. Maggie M. White, Second Vice President of the Woman's Convention from Cleveland County.

Following the announcement, the participants went to their workshop sessions to discuss the sub-theme: "Building Family Relationship Through Christian Stewardship."

Workshop Session (Seniors) I — Rev. Jiles stated that Christian Stewardship in Action should be at home as well as in the church. Christian Stewardship relates to how we manage our lives, our homes and our churches. The way people see us is an expression of our stewardship. We should be concerned with families within the church family. We have placed too many of our Christian Stewardship responsibilities upon other institutions as the Welfare/Social Services.

It is the responsibility of the church to influence persons to accept the challenges of Christian Stewardship. Wherever we are let's lift up our corner of sharing and helping others. We are to live like Christ in being Christian Stewards.

We Christian stewards are to help people ward off evil influences by sharing the Word with them which God has given us. Christ in our lives makes a difference. If we have Christ, we have God's love, and we must share with others according to their needs. Let us not complain because we do not have what others have. God knows what He has given each of us. Therefore, let's use whatever we have, what He has given us. God holds us responsible to use what we have to share. God blesses us when we use what He gives to us.

Workshop Session (Young Adults) II — Mrs. Catherine Walters stated that the greatest problems facing the families today are:

1. Lack of communication between family members.
2. Lack of goal setting in the family.
3. Lack of sufficient finances.
4. Outside influences upon family members.
5. Lack of Christian commitments.

Some causes of family problems are:

1. Unsaved family members.
2. Failure to seek out God.
3. Failure to trust and obey.

When we look back to the first family in the Bible, Adam and Eve, we can see how disobedience in the family can cause problems. This pointed out the fact that God must be the center of the family. There must be trust, love and communication within the family. Parents should visit the child's school and let principals and teachers know that you a interested in your child's educati and the activities of the school. Vo unteer to help where help is needed

Workshop Session (Youth) III Rev. Alphonzo Fullwood said th the best time to start training a chil is from the cradle. Christi Stewardship attempts to involve or in a wholistic sense in what it tak to be a whole person in God. The si gle most important problem co fronting the youth today is peer pre sure. If a person is devoted to Go he/she will be less likely to fall to t desires of any worldly sins. St close to the source who is God guide and sustain you to be able conquer evil. You can't separa your Christian life from your ever day life.

You must pray, love and make su you understand everything about situation before you take any action

Workshop Session (Youth) IV Mrs. Maggie M. White made a bookl and talked about commandments f "Building Family Relationsh Through Christian Stewardship." Goals:

1. To make youth aware that G is creator of all things.
2. To develop an understandi that the father, mother and childre make up the family.

Seven steps to take to accompli goals.

1. **God is owner of everything:** t earth, you, other people, trees, a mals. We are responsible for wh God has given us. We are steward

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managers. "Be good managers."

2. Work together in unity as a family. The first biblical family: Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel — Genesis 4:1-10.

3. There must be **Harmony** in the family — Genesis 10:38-42. Families must share and care.

4. There must be respect and obedience. "Respect your father and your mother."

5. **Spiritual Training** — Teach a child how he/she should live and he/she will remember it. "Listen to your father; without him you would not exist. When your mother is old, show her your appreciation."

6. **Forgiveness in the Family.** Teach them to say — "I was wrong, I'm sorry."

7. **Be sure the family is saved** — Worship in the family — Acts 10:1-4. Attend church regularly — Hebrews 10:19-20, Love as God loves. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Mrs. Julias McDonald, Fourth Vice President, conducted a moment of sharing following the reports from the four workshop sessions.

The family dedicatory prayer was given by Dr. W.B. Lewis, Pastor of First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh.

Rev. A.M. Wiggins (who is more than 90 years of age), Pastor of New Hope and Rocky Point Churches, was presented for the sermon. In keeping with the family and building relationships, Dr. Wiggins chose as his subject, "Making Preparation for the Heavenly Wedding." His text was taken from Matthew 25:6. A wedding is a great event, but there needs to be preparation. The church has to be made ready. We invite our friends and relatives to the wedding.

Inasmuch as we make elaborate preparation for our earthly wedding, we need to make plans for our heavenly wedding. Jesus Christ is the groom and He is coming back for His bride, the church. The bridegroom is the Lamb of God. We have a great task to prepare the church to meet Him. He wants His bride to be pure.

We need to have "spiritual" oil with us for our lamps. Jesus gave His life that we might have life. We need more than just light in the lamp, we need oil in the lamp to give substance as we face tribulations. We have to bear burdens in the heat of the day. We have to go to Bible study and prayer service to keep oil in the vessel. Sometimes we want to do great things to get to heaven, but we must have true salvation.

Have your lamp bright and burning and waiting for Jesus Christ who lives in me and I am living. How can I fail as long as Jesus lives, for I am saved. May we be anchored in Jesus Christ.

Music was furnished by Watts Chapel.

Lane Creek Missionary Baptist Association

By A.E. Watson,
Director of Publicity

The Ninetieth-Third Session of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association and the Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary was held with First Missionary Baptist Church East, Kannapolis, NC, October 17th-20th 1989.

The Session opened Tuesday, October 17th, with the Youth Missionary Department in charge. After a very spirit fill devotion the theme "the challenge of the Unfinished Task in Christian Steward" Scripture St. John 4:34-35, Psalm 24:1 was given by Mrs. Levern Barrett. She really did a beautiful job explaining the theme.

The Singspiration presented by Youth groups from each Church was very inspiring. Each group really let the Lord use them to His Glory. Our Lanes Creek Youth are very **talented.** The Youth Missionary Department is advised by Mrs. Jerome Watson.

Wednesday evening session opened with the Laymen's and Ushers in charge. We were welcome to the session by the host Church. We were treated to a very inspiring talk by Mrs. S. Crowder, her talk was very challenging and well delivered.

The Sermon of the evening was delivered by Rev. J.W. Sanders, Pastor of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church. Text "Prayer Meeting at the Midnight Hour" Acts 16:25 Paul and Silas having prayer meeting in jail and the prisoners heard them. The jailer cried out what must I do to be saved? God is still in the Saving Business. Thank God for the way He used his Servant Rev. Sanders.

Thursday morning our theme was presented by Rev. W.T. Richardson, Pastor, of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. "The Unfinished Task" St. John 4:35. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. There is a need for laborers.

Educational Sermon was delivered by Rev. Winford Galmon, Pastor, of Red Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Text: "Obtain help to witness for Jesus in a dark age." These are dark times in our Churches and Communities. In spite of the darkness, God wants a witness. Thank God for using his Servant Rev. Galmon to teach the Educational Sermon.

Thursday afternoon, theme speaker Rev. David Cook, Jr., Pastor of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church "Text: I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is Day." You have never seen a live man with no head. it is time to take the Bible from under our arm.

Our Doctrinal Sermon was delivered by Rev. J.M. Sanders, Pastor, of Belmont Missionary Baptist Church, Text: "God's Living Word" Hebrews 1:1-6. Rev. Sanders challenged us to wake up and live for Jesus because He is soon to come. Our cups really over flowed as the Lord used Rev. Sanders.

Thursday evening, we were favored with a workshop by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Dr. Craig's workshop was the Functions of the Church (1) To Worship (2) To Witness (3) To Hear and respond (4) To Educate (5) To Minister. The Workshop was very challenging.

The Moderator's annual address by Moderator Dr. L.D. Parker, Pastor Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Text: "Looking For the Best" I Cor. 13:6. Love does not rejoice in wrong but rejoices in right. It is not my goodness, because I am still standing, but because God has been good to me. Love never wears out but keeps on loving.

Friday morning theme speaker Rev. J.W. Threatt, Pastor, of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Text: St. John 4:29. "The Greatest Miracle of Jesus was transforming Human Life."

Friday evening the Women's Missionary Auxiliary with President, Mrs. J.B. Crowder, presiding after a few remarks, Mrs. Crowder introduced the advisor of the Young Adult Missionary Department, Mrs. Plesant Moore who introduced the Skit. The title of the Skit was "The Traveler's Guide To Heaven," Matthew 24:42-46. The Young Adults from the churches in Lanes Creek made the skit very real and it was very real in everyday life. The skit made it very clear what you needed to do to catch flight 1989 to Heaven. However, I am sorry to say that when some of them arrived their flight had been cancelled and did not get to go to Heaven. When Jesus comes be ready.

Our Association was the most spirit filled and best financed ever.

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successful annual session at noon on the same day, led by its President, Dr. Charles C. Alston, and had helped set the stage for a beautiful continuation of theme discussions, workshops, sermons, addresses and reports.

Some highlights from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's, Dr. C.C. Craig, report are as follows:

Total contributions for the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, State Missions, Foreign Missions, the Central Children's Home and other worthy causes — **$2,369,483.57.**

This amount for the fiscal year 1988-89 represents a banner year in the life of the Convention.

Ten largest contributions through the Executive Office:

Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L.C. Reddick	$49,000.00.
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J.D. Fuller	37,527.00
First, Fayetteville, C.R. Edwards	34,941.78
United Metropolitan, Winston-Salem, J.D. Ballard	31,043.00
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	26,511.00
Friendship, Charlotte, C.A. Jones	25,305.00
Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High	21,845.52
First, Winston-Salem, W.A. Johnson	21,451.50
First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, W.B. Lewis	17,893.00
First (West), Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey	17,185.04

Dr. S.A. Raper, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C., led his congregation to give $15,676.00 which represents the highest per capital in giving among the churches of the Convention during the fiscal year 1988-89.

The total contribution of $2,369,483.57 came from 1,609 churches located in 59 associations across the State of North Carolina, and a total membership of four hundred thousand members.

Guest ministers for the session were Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. who conducted a ministers workshop and also spoke for the President's Banquet. Dr. S.C. Cureton, President of the General Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, delivered the convention's sermon.

The convention theme for 1989-1990 is "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task".

The adopted budget for the fiscal year 1989-90 is **$2,348,719.99.**

"A Gala Affair" The President's Banquet

By Brother Boanthony Stillwell

The 122nd Annual President's Banquet was held at the Adams Mark Hotel, on October 31, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. in Charlotte, North Carolina, this was indeed a most **"Gala Affair."**

Our very capable president, **Dr. J.B. Humphrey,** presided over the 500 the more that **"500 stunning ladies and dashing gentlemen"** as they graced the **"Carolina Room"** in their very beautiful and tasteful after five attire. As the Rev. E.R. Milsap, Pastor of New Hope Baptist stated **"There is nothing more fascinating than a crowd of beautiful Christian folks, the colors of their skins and choice of clothes, the lifestyles and modes of operation, always thrills me. . .and with Christ as the center it is most uplifting and satisfying."**

In the spirit of love and understanding the Dr. J.Z. Windly, delivered the invocation, while the distinguished Dr. C.C. Craig provided us with the **Statement of Purpose.** The Eminent Rev. Anthony L. Jinwright extended greetings from the Host Church, and the renowned Dr. W.B. Lewis gracefully made the introductions and recognition of the our honorary head table dignitaries and special guests.

Presentation of awards and certificates was conducted by Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention. These awards were recognizing the hundreds of individuals and local churches for their accomplishments made throughout the state of North Carolina within the past year.

We were provided with musical entertainment by the infamous Mr. Shadrack Golden of Charlotte, N.C.

Then came the moment we had all waited for, as Dr. Percy High made the introduction in his most distinctive way of our keynote speaker, Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. of Washington, D.C. This illustrious and most dynamic speaker from our nation's capitol positioned himself at the podium. Dr. Hicks literally electrified the crowd with a powerful message entitled **"The Spiritual Aftershock."** The Rev. Audrey Spears, Associate Minister of Salem Missionary Baptist Church stated, **"The message was inspiring, moving and totally uplifting, I can only give the highest praise, for having the opportunity to participate in such a glorious evening!"**

Ms. High was the state coordinator for the banquet while local arrangements were coordinated by Ms. Denise Cathey of Salem. These ladies really know their business and we thank God for them both.

Salem Missionary provided the host and hostess for this event which included: Rev. Starr Hunter, Rev. Audrey Spears, Sis. Mary Hoyle, Bro. Howard Hoyle, Sis. Carolyn Harrison, Sis. Brendalyn Williams, Sis. Rena Wallace, Sis. April Wallace, Sis. Brenda Page, Sis. Felicia Phroneberger, Sis. Linda Meeks, Bro. Jeffrey Cathey, Bro. Palmer Dupree, Bro. Anthony Byrd, Bro. Troy Pinkney, Sis. Pam Noble, Sis. Kimberly McDowell, Sis. Barbara Greaves, Rev. Laverne Spears and Bro. Boanthony Stillwell.

16th Baptist World Alliance Congress

Seoul, Korea

The Baptist World Alliance Congress will be held in Seoul Korea, August 12-20, 1990.

The General Baptist State Convention has made arrangements for transportation and lodging for the Baptist World Alliance August 12-20, 1990. The total cost for the 9 days Seoul tour per person/double occupancy is $2,029.00.

This price includes the following items and services:

U.S. Departure Tax
Flight Insurance
Superior First Class Hotel Accommodations
Half Day City Sight Seeing Tour With Lunch in Seoul
2 Day Roundtrip Conference transfers in Seoul
All airport/hotel transfers
All porterage (1 suitcase per person) plus a handbag, or a small case.

A deposit of two hundred dollars is needed on or before February 1, 1990 and the balance on or before June 12, 1990.

DAY	DATE	ITINETARY
1	Sun., Aug. 12, 1990	Depart Raleigh via Delta airlines at 7:00 a.m., connect in Cincinnati (8:21 a.m./9:30 a.m.), dinner and breakfast served in flight
2	Mon., August 13	Arrive Seoul at 4:50 p.m., meet and assist upon arrival by your Wilcox Representative, transfer to your hotel
3	Tue., Aug. 14	Morning sightseeing tour with lunch. 16th BWA Congress opens at 7:00 p.m. — Chamsil Stadium.
4	Wed., Aug. 15	CONGRESS
5	Thu., Aug. 16	CONGRESS
6	Fri., Aug. 17	CONGRESS
7	Sat., Aug. 18	CONGRESS
8	Sun., Aug. 19	Closing Session 8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon — Chamsil Stadium. Baptismal service in Olympic Pool — 4:00 p.m.
9	Mon., Aug. 20	Depart Seoul at 4:30 p.m., dinner, breakfast and lunch served in flight
10	Tue., Aug. 21	Arrive Dallas 7:02 p.m., connect to flight departing 8:16 p.m. and arriving Raleigh 11:52 p.m.

PLAN TO ATTEND

1990 Congress Christian Education, February 10, 1990, Raleigh, NC

1990 Usher's Convention, One Day Session, February 24, 1990, Fayetteville

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

By Dr. C.C. Craig & Dr. P.A. Brodie

"Jesus, The Wonderful Counsellor"

By Dr. C.C. Craig

It is a fact that everyone needs a friend, a counsellor. We are so made that we cannot exist in isolation. No one is an island of himself. Every life reaches toward others. We remain balanced and whole as we become intertwined in thoughts and emotion with others. Life demands sharing and fellowship.

There is no greater sorrow in today's world than the sorrow of lineliness. Many people are trying to live without a friend or counsellor. Everyone needs a friend or counsellor. Jesus is the world's greatest friend and counsellor. This truth was made many years ago by the prophet Isaiah as he looked forward to the coming of God's son to the world. Isaiah 9:6 says: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace."

Jesus is equipped to be a counsellor because he is full of compassion for all people in all walks of life. Jesus crossed all caste and class lines of his day, accepting people as they were and made out of them more than what they were. A hated tax collector like Matthew was called to be his disciple, and a forgiven woman like Mary Madgalene joined his inner circle of friends. He gave a sense of worth to a woman of Samaria who had married five times. He received into his kingdom a thief dying at his side on the cross.

He was accused of eating and drinking with sinners. Jesus cared for people in all walks of life, but he did not leave them without counselling them about their sins. He said to the woman who had five husbands, "the husband you have now is not your husband." The motive or purpose of Jesus' counselling was deliverance. He came to seek and save that which was lost.

Jesus is a wonderful counsellor because he knew and how to speak in an effort led people to understand God. As we look at some of the conversations that the Bible repots from the life of Jesus, we find that the woman at the well found herself talking to Jesus about the water of life. Nicodemus, who came to Jesus with difficulties in understanding the new birth, heard from Jesus the words; "You must be born again." In the Mary and Martha story, Martha was soon made to think "of the one thing needful" — learning more about God. The people, who were in sorrow at the grave of Lazarus heard the wonderful words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus found people where they were with their problems, sorrows, and difficulties and led them to where they were face to face with God.

As reflectors of Jesus the Christ, who is the wonderful counsellor, we are challenged to live so near to God that by our attitude, our presence, and our speaking that people who are not aware of his presence may come to know Him whom to know is eternal life. Jesus is a wonderful counsellor because he knows of the power of sin, and he knows also that the miraculous power of God can transform lives. The Bible says, Jesus knew what is in man. Jesus knew of the problems of sin in the lives of people. He knew how sin could grip the hearts and minds of people. Yet he knew that lives could be transformed or made whole by the power of God.

Nicodemus had intellectual difficulties in understanding how an old man could be born again or changed when he was told by Jesus, "that a man must be born again," Nicodemus wanted to know from Jesus, "how can that be?" "Can a man enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus responded by telling Nicodemus, "that which is born of the flesh in flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." The bottom line is, "you must be born again." Jesus knew that with God, "all things are possible."

We are surrounded by people who are in the grip of powerful compulsions. Some are trapped by alcohol, drugs, chronic anxiety, deep depression of spirit and suicidal despair. Can such lives be changed? Some people are sin-sick with blind staggers in the eyes and lumago in the back. Can such lives be changed? The lives of some people are paralyzed by sin and the holy spirit is not active in what they do and say. Can such lives be changed? We watched persons going in the wrong direction and doing things that they ought not to do. How can such lives be changed?

Christmas comes to remind us of the fact that we have a savior in Jesus Christ, who is a wonderful counsellor and savior. In spite of sin leaping like flames of fire seeking to conquer man's soul, there is hope for every man and every woman. Young or old can be torn again. Young or old can be saved from the crown of the head to the sole of the feet. Jesus the counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace can produce the miracle of a transformed life.

In light of what seems to be hopeless conditions, trapped by drugs, alcohol, depression of spirit, and other evil forces trying to conquer man's soul there is hope here and now. Can a man and woman begin again when they are old? Can boys and girls break loose from bad habits and find their way back home to a loving father and mother? The answer is, yes. The voice of Jesus says to us as we seek to meet the challenges in our personal lives and the challenges of giving support to the objectives of our convention: State Missions, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, and the Central Children's Home: "With God all things are possible."

The staff members at Baptist Headquarters join me in wishing for you and the members of your family a "Merry Christmas."

"If Jesus Had Not Come!"

By Executive Secretary Brodie

Now here we are in the midst of the Christmas season, and to read and meditate on the included poem brings much to our minds. Perhaps one thing is that we should be grateful, for if Jesus had not come, we would be without Christmas. Do we feel, at first, the hopelessness as depicted by the poet? What Void! What Darkness! But Jesus came, and so did Christmas. Now we have light instead of darkness. But Jesus came and we have God with us and the joy He shares.

If Jesus had not come, we would not be a Convention of Mission-In-Action; if Jesus had not come, we would not have our objectives or most of them: **Shaw University,** founded by a man, a man of God through Jesus; **Foreign Missions** (supported basically through a Convention named for a man of God through Jesus); **Shaw Divinity** School (an initial branch of Shaw University's founder's vision and implementation); **Baptist Assembly** an initial extension of the missionary endeavors of the Woman's Convention), **Central Children's Home,** a substitute home for the homeless; **State** Missions, supported by churches who profess hope in Jesus. Perhaps GBSC would not be if Jesus had not come. But we thank God that Jesus did come and that a Christmas Spirit we have, whom we embody. In expression of gratitude for Christmas, let us share with others this fiscal year as we have never done.

Let Jesus Came! Merry Christmas

"If Jesus Had Not Come"

If Jesus had not come, how dark had been the night!
The wisemen, sadly dumb, had seen no starry light!
The shepherds on the hill had heard no angel song!
The bells in silence chill, no joyous peal had rung!

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If Jesus had not come, how sad had been our fate!
Of judgment sore the sun for all our sin and hate!
No loving God of grace His precious Son had giv'n;
No hope to see His face; no joy to meet in heaven!

But Jesus came! He came to earth,
And men beheld His manger birth!
The shepherds heard the angels sing,
The wise proclaimed Him Lord and King!
He died, He rose; and by His blood, We
too became the sons of God; We
preach true gospel in His name!
For Jesus came! Yes, Jesus came!

Albert C. Norton
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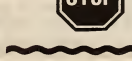


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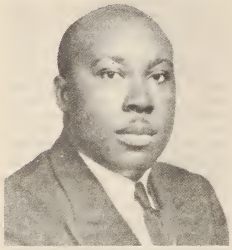


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In Memoriam

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

Dr. J.W. White, Past President GBSC (1964-1969).



Dr. John W. White, former Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C. He served as member of Executive Committee, and General Board GBSC. Also he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw Divinity School for many years.

A graduate of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School Dr. White was a great "Spiril."

Ecclesiastes 3rd Chapter
Verses 1 & 2

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.



Dr. C.R. Trotter, Historian GBSC.



We salute the life of Dr. C.R. Trotter former instructor of Preaching, Shaw Di vinity School, and pastor of Faith Mis sionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Trotter loved the General Baptis State Convention and his students a Shaw Divinity School. He was a histo rian, a Pastor, a church builder, and preacher.

We thank God for his life and min istry.

Ferguson Remembered

(Former Moderator of Moderator's)

To the Editor,

On receiving a call Monday afternoon about the passing of my very close friend, the Rev. Dr. J.H. Ferguson, pastor of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church and Moderator of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association at the Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, my mind went immediately to Longfellows' immortal poem, "The Psalm Of Life." I feel that the poet was much more prophetic than poetic when he penned the lines:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers
Life is but an empty dream;
And the soul that's dead and slumbers;
Things are not what they seem.
Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not the goal.
Dust thou art to dust returneth
Was not spoken of the soul."

From a very humble beginning on a small farm in Hoke County, Sept. 25, 1913, all who knew him can speak of his open mind. He was always interested in finding a better way. Shortly after his graduation from the Upchurch High School in Raeford, he answered his calling into the gospel ministry.

My late father, the Rev. G.B. Gilchrist, whom he succeeded as moderator of our association, considered him as his son in the ministry, and upon my calling, he has considered me as his younger brother.

We live in a world full of terrors. The news media feeds the world with daily tragic events. This past week we are all concerned with hurricane "Hugo." Before we can recover from one, another strikes. We can never become accustomed to tragedy. It seems that calamity, disaster, and catastrophe are forever lingering at the doorsteps of our culture.



Dr. J.H. Ferguson

Tragedies will continue to occur in areas of our lives, but one of the most disastrous tragedies among human beings is the tragedy of a closed mind. A closed mind shrinks the soul, withers ambition, hardens the heart, binds the will, chills faith, and destroys hope.

One of the major problems of people is mental, moral, and spiritual blindness. The mission of the Christian church is to lift the blinders off the minds and souls of humanity. At an age when most blacks considered formal training behind them, he enrolled as a student in the School of Religion; Morris College, Sumter, S.C., and remained there until he earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree. Because of his outstanding work, he was the recipient of the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Shaw University, one of the oldest black colleges in North Carolina.

I remember him as one not only distinguishing himself in the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Educational Association but in the Progressive National Baptis Convention and the General Baptist stat Convention of North Carolina, Inc., as member of the General and Executiv Boards. During the past Christmas sea son, the Poplar Springs Baptist Churc celebrated his 50th anniversary as its pas tor.

To the thousands of members of th Pee Dee, Zion, St. John, and Lumbe River Associations, who are saddened b his passing, I borrow again fron Longfellow's Psalm of Life:

"Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for any fate.
Still achieving, still pursuing.
Learn to labor and to wait."

R.T. Gilchris



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EDITORIALS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Cardinal Sins of the Pastor

(from "AB Input" October 1989)

Centuries ago the Church identified the "seven deadly sins" as pride, covetousness, lust, envy, gluttony, anger and sloth. There are other sins, of course, but these are especially self-destructive.

Pastors, as persons, need to guard against these seven sins as diligently as anyone, but there are sins — some peculiar variations on the seven — that particularly affect pastors. To wit, here are the Seven Deadly Sins of the Pastor.

1. Spiritual Superiority. The often all-too-obvious-to-others attitude that pastors are more spiritual than others, that is, they are gifted with spiritual perception not accessible to laity and certainly not to anyone outside the church.

2. Pulpit Committee Pursuit. The desire for a "better" church worthy of your gifts. "If only I had a different congregation . . ." Mismatches between pastors and churches occur, but usually pastors carry their problems with them when they move.

3. People Processing. The ever-popular use of "process" to attain goals holds special dangers for the pastor. It's easy to be a manipulator, to "use" people and "engineer" programs.

4. Messiah Complex. The preacher proclaims the Good News of the Messiah. It's fatal when a pastor tries to BE a messiah. A pastor can't save the world, the church or even one individual; he or she can't minister alone. Ministry is a team effort by people trusting the true Messiah.

5. Potluck Pillage. Congregations won't tolerate sin in their pastors, except for gluttony. By encouraging overeating, parishoners may unthinkingly send pastors to an early grave. "The pastor loves church dinners," and "Be sure to try my pie!" may seem like harmless, affectionate remarks. Treat them as a deadly warning.

6. Righteous Indignation. Pew-sitters like fiery preaching, especially attacks on sins they'd never think of committing. Pastors riled by a moral threat may be cheered, but their preaching can be devoid of Christly compassion. Many one-issue preachers have stumbled and fallen on the swords of their own holy anger.

7. Intellectual Anorexia. This is the pastor's unique form of sloth. It's easy to stop reading, thinking, growing intellectually. Persons who think they are spiritually superior think intellectual acumen doesn't matter. "It's not how smart you are, but how good you are," becomes their motto. Don't bank on that. Pastors feed minds as well as souls.

Let this list serve as a reminder. And here's another: "If we confess our sins, Christ is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins" (1 John 1:9). Don't allow yourself to "enjoy the pleasures of sin" for another season!

Sidney Locks Will Be Missed By Robeson County

To the Editor:

The official announcement by Rep. Sidney Locks of his imminent departure came not so much a shock as a regret. How does one wish a departing public servant well, when deep inside you know his departure means a great loss to so many people? Those of us who know Sidney Locks and have worked with him are keenly aware that this district and Lumberton are losing a tremendous public servant, minister and friend.

In reflection, few are aware that he's a native Louisianan, and it really has not mattered, because for 15 years he has become so much a part of us (North Carolinians). He is truly a "peoples' man," daring to stick his neck out for people no matter what the consequences. His service in the North Carolina General Assembly has been a good one. There he has worked hard for all people, with a special feeling for the poor and down-trodden of our area.

Sandy Grove Baptist Church history, I feel, will have to record the contributions of the Locks years as a pastor: beloved, as an administrator: par excellent. Spiritual planning, involvement and growth have been so evident at historic Sandy Grove.

His youthful zeal and friendliness have endeared him to the hearts of people of all ages and races. The special closeness of his growing family is awe-inspiring.

We N.C. General Baptists know the call to Cornerstone in Greenville is a marvelous challenge and advancement. On the lighter side, "most of the boys" would not mind the chance at the "Cornerstone."

Well, we wish Rev. Rep. Sidney Locks and family the best in the new venture. By the same token, many of us feel his leaving is a great loss to our area.

Rev. Howard D. Davis, Sr.
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Book Reviews

Prentice Hall Introduces The New Jerome Biblical Commentary

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ — Prentice Hall announces the publication of the **New Jerome Biblical Commentary.** The predecessor to this title, the best-selling **Jerome Biblical Commentary,** was judged to be the "best concise biblical commentary in the English language."

Two decades have passed since the **Jerome Biblical Commentary** appeared in 1968. Since then, a new commentary has become necessary for several reasons. Original investigations by scholars has increased. The number of lay contributors, including women, has increased. Theories of dating and historical reconstruction have been revised. And new perspectives in hermaneutics have been advanced.

Two-thirds of the Commentary in the **New Jerome Biblical Commentary** is new. All articles are a verse-by-verse commentary on issues such as text, versions, canon and hermaneutics. Literary and contextual approaches are emphasized. Limits were set on source analysis for clearer and concentrated text. Commentary articles are easier to consult because running headings for chapter and verse have been added. Topical articles now include the subjects of Jesus and the Early church.

There are over sixty contributors to the new Commentary. The contributors are all biblical scholars. They are all experts who have published widely in their chosen fields of biblical study.

The **New Jerome Biblical Commentary** was compiled by Raymond E. Brown, S.S., from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Joseph E. Fitzmyer, S.J., of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and Roland E. Murphy, O. Charm., G.W. Ivey Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Duke University in North Carolina.

For more information about this book, write to Beth Mullen, Publicist, College Publicity, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632 or call 201-592-2348.

Sunday School Work

By Rev. Kevin Cosby

Basic Sunday School Work in the Black Community, compiled by Dr. Sid Smith, Nashville: Convention Press, 1989. $3.80.

Dr. Sid Smith, through the help of contributing writers, has compiled a valuable and much needed book for pastors and church workers who are interested in building strong Sunday Schools in the African American Community. **Basic Sunday School Work in the Black Community** takes proven principles of Sunday School growth and shows how they can be successfully incorporated into the African-American church.

Basic Sunday School Work in the Black Community will prove to be an invaluable resource for those who are strong advocates of Sunday School but have had little success in building one. As Dr. Smith shows, Sunday School is not one of the strong ministries of the African-American church. Statistics show that only 10-15% of the African American Church community is active in Sunday School. Such low participation in Sunday School not only promotes biblical illiteracy but fails to activate the greatest untapped resource the church has, the laity.

The effective Sunday School, as Dr. Smith points out, is more than just a teaching station that disseminates information. The Sunday School is the entire church mobilized to reach the lost for Christ. This book will show the church how to structure its Sunday School to become the primary reaching ministry of the church.

Pastors who have led congregations in strong Sunday School ministries have found that those churches have experienced significant numerical and financial growth. About three years ago, I led St. Stephen Baptist Church to become a pro-Sunday School church. As a result of our effort, the Lord blessed St. Stephen Baptist Church to triple its membership and finances. The Sunday School grew so large that we had to purchase houses in the community to provide additional space to accommodate the growing numbers. Recently, St. Stephen Baptist Church completed a Family Life Center, which houses a full court gymnasium, overheard running track, weight room, kitchen, office space, Senior Citizens lounge and twelve additional classrooms. Such a facility could not have been possible without the renewal that a strong Sunday School ministry brings.

This book gives the church a step by step process on how to move the Sunday School from a mini-school to a maxi-school. **Basic Sunday School Work in the Black Community** is written by African-Americans who are sensitive to the unique challenges which confront the African-American community. It addresses everything from why African-Americans tend to boycott Sunday School to how Sunday School can be used as an instrument to correct anti-self images that many Blacks internalize.

The book was also written with lay people in mind. Therefore, it could serve as a valuable resource for Sunday School retreats and workshops.

Basic Sunday School Work in the Black Community does not omit anyone but addresses all of the various age groups in Sunday School. It also offers suggestions on what new ministries might be started through the Sunday School to reach more people for Christ.

If you are a Pastor or church worker looking for a proven way to get the entire church mobilized for ministry, **Basic Sunday School Work in the Black Community,** is worth your investment.

Rev. Kevin Cosby is pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

CONVENTION SPECIAL Continued

The Challenge of the Unfinished Task: A Fourth Step

By Dr. Charles C. Alston, President Laymen's League

By Dr. Charles C. Alston

After three years of challenging the unfinished task, as the elected leader of the Laymen's League Auxiliary, I find myself pondering three questions: 1. How can the laymen of this great convention become more motivated for Christian service? 2. Can the laymen produce models or strategies to help ready the uncommitted to use their God given gifts of time, talent, influence, and means for empowerment as Kingdom builders? 3. How can the laymen create a true fellowship of Christians who will declare their faith in Jesus Christ and prove their loyalty by living and working together according to His techniques for the fulfillment of the Great Commission?

While these are not easy questions to answer, by any stretch of imagination, the answers, if they are to be found by the N.C. Laymen, rest within the record of stewardship of both the leadership and membership over the past twelve months.

Initially, I propose to argue that what the young black males and the laymen are trying to do is important, and largely unfinished.

The Chinese, I understand, employ a proverb that I feel brings in proper perspective the focus of the laymen with three years down and one to go: "If you would plan for a year, plant rice; if for twenty years, plant trees; if for a hundred years, grow men."

It had been truthfully said, "children cannot wait." On April 29, 1989, at the United Metropolitan Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a dream of the state's laymen became a reality. A youth division embracing all segments of program thrusts previously attempted, was born. Approximately two hundred persons ages 10-18 became organized, received instructions in organizational leadership skills from selected experts, elected a slate of officers and committed themselves to serving others for Christ under auspices of the Laymen's League, General Baptist State Convention. Supporting the boys in this venture were an equal number of men. Brother Everett Miles, N.C. State Director of Youth Activities, provided leadership and orchestrated effort. Brother Miles' hard work and dedication seemed to say, "If it really is to be, let it begin with me." North Carolina laymen continue to see in the thousands of young men scattered from Murphy to Manteo, the vibrant church of 2000 and beyond.

Brother Frank Marshall, a former president with the longest tenure and a Hall of Famer, masterminded another outstanding men and boys retreat that stands as a national model of Christian Fellowship of the young and the old in living and working together as Christians should. Again this year, on August 5-6, the magic number of 200 was exceeded for the second year in a row. Speaking of motivation, a letter written to Brother Marshall from a nine year old lad tells us truth:

Mr. Frank Marshall
40 Robinson Avenue
Asheville, N.C. 28803

Dear Laymen:

I had a little talk with Jesus and I wanted you to know what I told Him.

Dear Jesus,

I want to thank you for the safe trip to the North Carolina Laymen's League Men and Boy's Retreat.

Mount Zion's bus is very nice, it reminds me of the tour bus my mom and I have been on.

Laurel Hill, North Carolina was very hot and Lord, I need to give more money in the offering plate so the convention can buy better mattresses for the Baptist Assembly.

I did have a good time swimming, being with all the guys and I roasted marshmallows for the first time!

Lord, if you think I deserve it, I would like to go back next summer.

I promise to respect the Baptist Assembly;

To tell the truth;

To study the Bible;

To give an offering;

To tell everybody you are my best friend;

I want to live with you in Heaven.

Your Friend Delcon

As a youngster, I was inspired by reading **Silas Marner** who, from the depths of despair and a seemly fatalistic view of reality, received motivation to go on from a little one:

"In old days, there were angels who came and took men by the hand and led them away from the city of destruction. We see no white-winged angels now. Yet men are led away from destruction. A hand is put forth into theirs which leads them forth to a calm and bright land so that they look no more backward. And the hand may be a little child's."

Question number two concerns itself with models and strategies for service delivery. However, I must preface this issue with bits of reality. Illiteracy, among other social ills, continues to plague our people.

Those who cannot comprehend what is written, interpret and understand what is implied, and formulate conclusions of their own, run the risk of being penalized by the conclusions that are reached by others. This is a sad, but inevitable lesson of history and a negative reflection on the Body of Christ.

Having been a student and practitioner of education at various levels for more than 30 years, I acknowledge no acceptable reason why critical thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, analysis and synthesis cannot be taught to 95% of all students alive today, regardless of color or hue. Yet, it grieves me sorely to read that more than 4 of 10 black Americans cannot read a ballot, fill out a job application, read the directions on a bottle of aspirins, or calculate the change required for a bus fare. At the same time that this is happening, far too many of our churches are spending more time dealing with conflict, mindlessness, minutae and escapism while the tasks that Jesus left for His church to do remain unfinished.

The church, established upon the Rock of Jesus, against which the gates of Hell shall not prevail, remains as relevant today as it was when it was founded. The problem, I feel is that too many of those who profess to be his followers fail to use their God-given time, talent, influence, and means to bring enlightment, empowerment, and "spiritualism" into the lives of others. Simply stated, we are **playing church** rather than **being church.**

What a disgrace it is to blend voices so melodiously in singing, "All that I have thou hands hath provided," while we as churchmen behave so indifferently toward those caught up in mind altering drugs, sexual abuse, black-on-black crime, and other anti-social behavior. Those social ills have become the instrumentality of the black community's destruction. How tragic! What happened? I ask to the caring, sharing, and life-sustaining institutions that our forebearers who had a spattering of formal training left to our care? Fellow laymen and concerned friends about the black plight, we must create viable alternatives to what now exists. It must become a priority of the **first magnitude.**

If the Body of Christ suffers from member shortsightedness, then leaders must plan programs to hamper the progress of social ills. They must create to address the ills that play havoc on the black community. For example, Aids education to elderly care ought to be special models. Churches concerned with improving the quality of life for the downtrodden can extract from these models those things that are consistent with the teachings of Jesus and develop programs according to the common needs. This represents another on-going challenge of the unfinished task.

William Strickland, writing in the November, 1989 **Essence,** reflects: "young black men compared with every white men will more likely die violent, often self-inflicted deaths. Homicide and suicide kills more of our 15-24 year old than any other means." More black men, we are told, die from homicide in one year than died in ten years in the jungles of Vietnam. My fellow churchmen, hear ye the words Nehemiah thousands of years ago amidst a Jerusalem lying in ruin: "Come let us rebuild the walls and rid ourselves of this disaster." Then, after successfully finishing the task, allow his voice to reverberate, "so built ye the walls for the people had a mind to work."

A high point of the past year was a project aptly called "Operation Facelift." Selected laymen leaguers volunteered their time and labor to improve the physical appearance of the J.J. Johnson Assembly. At one work session 8 men from one church scraped and painted for 6 hours. Translated into dollars, this day's effort would have cost the convention more than $400.00. Another laymen, a carpenter, became so engrossed in the project that he contributed 3 full days of labor to the construction of a porch to the chapel at J.J. Johnson's Assembly. The spirit of cooperation that these types of efforts produce speaks to the willingness of certain committed laymen of our convention to improve the quality of life for others. Projects like Facelift, the Men and Boy's Retreat, the Study Commission projects, and the newly organized Youth Division, place North Carolina before the national scene as being serious about the "Unfinished Task."

The final question to be addressed today is that of creating a fellowship of



Dr. Charles C. Alston

Christians who will declare their faith in Jesus and prove their loyalty by living and working together to do God's will. Developing models for preparing Kingdom builders utilizing the ideas, devices, and techniques common to the Information Age represents a major challenge for Christian educators and leaders in the black religious experience. In this convention, nine laymen have sat at the feet of religious educators for several sessions led by the parent body's Christian Education Director. Christian development is viewed by N.C. Laymen as necessary to Kingdom building.

Church life, now and in the future, will be heavily influenced by information. Social forecasters tell us that the new source of worldly power will not be wealth in the hands of the few, but information in the hands of the many. In all that is herein implied, one thing appears certain, those who can access information will be the **haves;** those who cannot will be the **have nots.** Therefore, as followers of Christ, a major responsibility must be to get the **right** information to the **right** place, at the **right** time, to the **right** people in the **right** manner.

Finally and traditionally, my fellow Kingdom builders, for your consideration, I offer the following recommendations:

I. I recommend that the General Baptist State Convention do two things in support of the Laymen's League:

1. Employ a free or part-time qualified professional staff member.

2. Provide $2000.00 of seed money to develop the Youth Division National model.

II. I recommend that the laymen expand the study commission meeting by 45 minutes per session to accommodate the program needs of the Youth Division. Youth president, Keith Littlejohn, and the Director of Youth Activities, Everett Miles, will determine how this time will be used.

III. I recommend that local leagues sponsor at least one yearly program to support the State Laymen's League program. This would be in addition to the current representation fees.

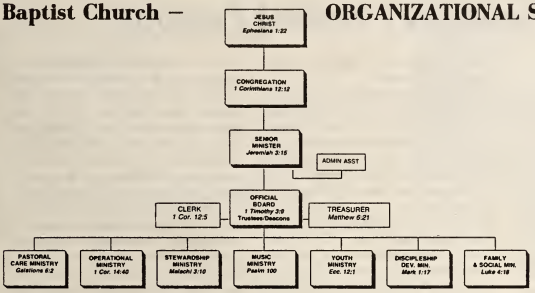
IV. I recommend that at least three statewide conferences be held at various locations throughout the state that deal specifically with selected social ills plaguing the black community. A registration of $5.00 will be charged to each participant to defray expenses.

V. I recommend that fifty percent (50%) of our 1990 effort be directed to develop one hundred (100) statewide leagues.

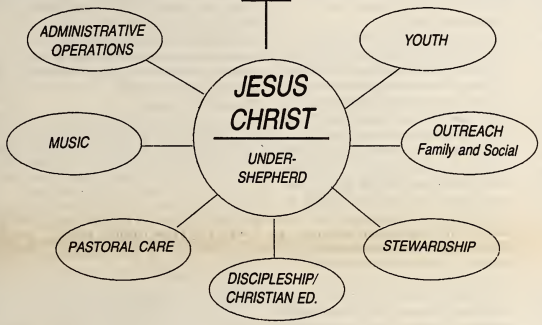
CONVENTION SPECIAL Continued

Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. Leads Convention Workshop
(Below Are Handouts Provided by Dr. Hicks)

Baptist Church — ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Baptist Church — THE NUCLEAR MINISTRY



(Sample Christian Education Course)

Understanding God And His Covenants

Part 1

Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr., Instructor

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class Overview - Understanding the Bible
Chapters 1 - 2
Assignment: Memorize All Books of the Bible and know the thematic divisions

The Beginnings
Chapters 3 - 4
Assignment: Read Genesis 1 - 11

The Adamic and Noahic Covenants
Chapters 5 & 6
Assignment: Write a two page character study of Noah

The Abrahamic Covenant
Chapter 7
Make a Time-Line of the Life of Abraham

The Mosaic Covenant and the Mystery of Iniquity
Chapter 8 & 9
Write a one page paper defining iniquity, wickedness, and sin. Supporting scriptures must be used.

The First Table of the Law
Chapters 10 - 13

The Second Table of the Law
Chapters 14 - 16

The Second Table of the Law [cont.]
Chapters 17 - 19
Write a one page paper on modern day relevance of the Ten Commandments.

The Davidic Covenant

Chapter 20

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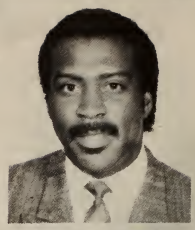
Jesus Christ and the New Covenant
Understanding Jesus Christ
Chapter 21

The Incarnation
Chapter 22
Write a one page word study on Incarnation

Mid-Term Examination

STATE MISSION

Summary of December 1989 Summary School Lessons



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

The winter quarter takes us on an exciting journey through the Gospel of John. This is a challenging study. The Gospel of John was written by the Apostle John, a member of Jesus' inner circle of friends. This is the same John who wrote the Book of Revelation we just completed. In this study, we will see the Lord through the eyes of the "beloved apostle."

Key words to remember in studying the Gospel of John are **"BELIEVE,"** which occurs ninety-eight times and **"Life,"** which occurs thirty-six times. As we study, we will see John's purpose for writing this book unfold. He states his purpose in John 20:31, **"But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name."**

Study the passages carefully and prayerfully. Begin each session of study with prayer that the Holy Spirit will reveal the truths contained in these chapters. As you do, you will discover the God-Man, Jesus. If you already know Him, this is an opportunity to know Him better, if not, "Come see a man!" (John 4:29)

Lesson 3:
John 4: 7-15, 27-29, 39-42.

In the third lesson, Jesus continues to build His ministry. Last week Jesus taught the lesson of spiritual rebirth to a societal leader, Nicodemus. Today Jesus teaches the same lesson to a societal outcast, the unnamed Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Wherever you are, Jesus will meet you with His gift of eternal life, all you have to do is receive it.

Jesus left Jerusalem after the Passover, and as on His way back to Judea. On the way back, Jesus went through Samaria. This was unusual, in this time, because the antagonism between the Jews and Samaritans was so great that rather than go through Samaria back to Judea, the Jews would take the longer route around the region. You know, like some of us walk around the church so we don't have to speak to that brother or sister. But only did Jesus go through Samaria, He spent two days there! (Ch 4, v. 43).

When Jesus arrived in Samaria it was about noon and He was tired. Jesus is God, but He is also human and in His humanness He tired from the walk from Jerusalem. Jesus and the disciples stopped in the city of Sychar. While Jesus was resting a woman came to the well to draw water, and a very exciting conversation begins. Jesus asked the woman for a drink of water. The woman was astonished. Why? The answer is two-fold: 1) the woman recognized that Jesus was a Jew, and He asked her a Samaritan to give Him to drink; 2) According to the custom of the time a man did not talk to a woman in public, much less a Samaritan woman. But Jesus did not get distracted. Instead He revealed to her the free gift of God. Jesus spoke to the woman in terms she could understand, yet like Nicodemus, her spiritual blindness kept her from recognizing the truth.

As Jesus explained the truth further, she like Nicodemus sought to receive the gift offered to her (v. 15). Jesus continues to unfold the truth to her and she asks questions, even tries to get into a debate with the Lord about the heritage of the Samaritans. But Jesus just keeps on showing her (vv 16-26). While Jesus is talking to the woman the disciples return from getting food (v.8, v. 27). By this time the woman sees the Light. She is so excited that she leaves her waterpot and goes through the city telling others about her meeting with Jesus. She invited them, "Come see a man. . ." (v. 29). You see when you have a meeting with Jesus you will tell others about it and invite them to meet Him too.

Verses 30-38 are a conversation Jesus had with the disciples after the woman left. Jesus had been spiritually nourished by the encounter with the woman and did not eat what the disciples had brought. They were puzzled. Jesus shared with them that He had been fed by doing His Father's work. He went on to tell them that the fields were right for harvest but they missed the spiritual significance Jesus was trying to teach them. What are you doing to participate in the spiritual harvest? Are you sowing seeds, watering them, cultivating or harvesting? The harvest is plenteous but the workers are few.

John then tells us that many Samaritans came to Jesus because of the woman's testimony. They came and asked Him to stay with them. Jesus did, and during the two days He was in Sychar many believed in Jesus because of His teaching not just because of the woman's testimony. They came to know Jesus for themselves. Do you know Him first hand?

Lesson 4:
Luke 2:8-12; John 1:1-5, 9-18

For Christmas Eve we will go back to Jesus' coming to earth. Our lesson will give us two perspectives: Luke the Greek physician who will report the facts he gathered from talking with people, and that of the Apostle John who will show us the deity of Jesus. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us pause and reflect on the meaning of this season so that Jesus is ever real to each of us.

Luke takes us back to Bethlehem and the announcement to the shepherds that that Saviour is born (vv. 8-11). Jesus, the Christ, born in the City of David (fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 5:2) is Saviour to the shepherds out tending their flock in the night, and all who will receive Him. In verse 12, the angel tells the shepherds where to find the Saviour who was only a few hours old. Can you imagine the excitement! Jesus is born! He took on humanity for us. O come! Let us adore Him! This is what we celebrate this time of year. The gift of life through Jesus. As we hustle with our packages and rush to gather with family pause to remember. Keep Jesus the focus. You'll have a much richer sharing when you share Jesus.

John's perspective is different than Luke's but no less exciting. John shows us Jesus, the Godo-Man, equally God, equally Man. John tell us "In the Beginning was the Word. . ." Jesus was there at creation. Jesus is the Word. He is God's revelation of Himself to us. If we would know the Father, we must know Jesus. Jesus possesses life and He wants to give us that life. His life lights our path (v. 4). In our spiritual blindness we cannot grasp (comprehend) that which Jesus offers. We must accept Him that our hearts will be opened to receive that which He has for us. Jesus is the Light sent into a world of spiritual darkness. We live in that world, and in that darkness. But we have a choice. We can choose darkness or light. If we choose darkness we will remain blind because we have no ability or power to understand or overcome the darkness. **But if we choose JESUS,** we can overcome because Jesus has overcome the world! In Him we have victory.

Verses 10-11 tells us that Jesus was in the world but He was rejected by many, He was rejected by His own. Will you reject Him too? The choice is yours. You can receive Jesus into your life. You can become a son of God and receive the power of victory (vv 12-13). Which will you choose, eternal darkness or eternal life? Let us be like the shepherds and worship the Lord as we celebrate His birth.

Jesus took on flesh and lived among us. He left His glory in heaven for us. And He thought it not robbery to come to earth and endure what He did for us. We are now commissioned to witness what the Lord has done. In verse 15, the apostle records the witness John the Baptist gave of Jesus. Do you recognize the Lord? Let us go forward as witnesses for the Lord.

Lesson 5: John 5:1-15.

The printed text for Lesson 5 omits the second miracle of Jesus recorded in the Book of John, the healing of the Gentile courtier's son. This miracle took place in Cana. And it reveals the Lord's power. The man's son was not with Jesus when he was healed. Jesus spoke the word, the boy's father believed the word, and the healing took place. Oh, what faith! What a lesson for us! Jesus said it and that settles it. What a challenge for us in our lives.

As we study the printed text for this lesson, we see the antagonism between the Jewish leaders and Jesus begin. We also see the compassion of the Lord on one man in the midst of thousands. Jesus and His disciples are in Jerusalem for a feast. Our scripture opens at the pool of Bethesda. This pool was by the sheep market in Jerusalem and was where the animals purchased at the market were washed before they were offered at the temple. Needless to say the pool was filthy. Nonetheless, tradition held that at a certain time an angel came from heaven and stirred the pool. After the stirring, whoever was first in the pool was healed of whatever ailment he had (v. 4). Considering the structure of the pool, entering it was a feat for a healthy person. On this particular day, as Jesus and the disciples were passing, they met a man who had been sick for 38 years. We don't know the man's name or how he came to be in his present condition. The important point is that he was at the pool when the Lord passed by. Let's look a little closer at the circumstances. Because of the feast in Jerusalem, there were thousands of people at the pool waiting for the waters to be stirred. What made this man so different from the others that Jesus spoke to him? Jesus knew the man's condition and how long he'd been that way. He knows our condition too. No, it may not be a physical problem, but we all have our problems that only the Lord can fix.

Jesus asked the man, "Will you be made whole?" The man did not answer the question directly. Instead he gave excuses. How like us! What are your excuses for not being about the Lord's work? Despite the man's response, Jesus was not distracted. He recognized that of all the people at the pool this man had no hope for cure. Jesus responded to the man's need, "Rise, pick up your bed and walk" (v. 8). This verse is important because in verse 7 we read the man's description of how difficult it is for him to get to the pool. How then could he do what Jesus commanded? On his own, he couldn't. In faith he could. In faith this man was obedient to Jesus' command, and his obedience was rewarded. Sometimes we are challenged to step out on faith in obedience to the Lord. Essential to our relationship with the Lord something we often overlook, our role in the relationship. Sometimes it seems that what we have to do is impossible, just as it seemed for the man at the pool. If we obey the Lord in spite of appearances, the impossible becomes possible through Him.

Whenever and wherever the Lord is at work, the devil is not far behind. The man at the pool was healed. It was the sabbath. "The Jews" saw the man carrying his bed and told him he was violating the sabbath. These religious leaders were giving their interpretations of the law and had caused great burden for the people they were supposed to be serving. The man's response was that he was doing as he was told. The man who healed him had told him to pick up his bed and walk and so he was. When the leaders asked the man who healed him, he realized that he had been so consumed by his healing, he didn't know the healer. So many times we receive blessings from the Lord, including healing and we don't even

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32nd Annual Report

Department of Cooperative Ministries And Seminary Extension

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The Department concluded 32 years of service on April 1, 1989. It has been another exciting year in ministry with a variety of people including a continuing relationship with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Shaw Divinity School, college and seminary summer workers, bivocational ministers and others.

A brief summary of the activities for the past year includes the following:

COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

Twenty black summer workers were appointed and Orientation Week was held at Meredith College.

Scholarships totaling $12,950 were provided to black Baptist students preparing for church related vocations. Southeastern Seminary provided $6,400 in matching funds.

The department co-sponsored a teacher at the Shaw Divinity School along with the Home Mission Board. On that campus we assisted with the 16th annual pastor's conference, a mission training conference, and an annual Church Leaders Conference. We assisted Shaw University in a successful statewide promotional campaign to enlarge their endowment fund. We assisted with the campus ministry at NC Central University, Durham. Conducted five tax seminars for General Baptist churches, and numerous other workshops and institutes.

NEW YORK IN PREDOMINANTLY BLACK COMMUNITIES

The relatively new program involving starting new churches in predominantly black communities became more exciting during this year. We held our first conference on Southern Baptist Resources for Black Baptist Churches and attracted an overflow crowd of 200 at the Caraway Conference Center. A second conference is planned for December 1-2, 1989, at Caraway.

Two predominantly black congregations joined the New South River Association. They were the New Mission Baptist Church, Fayetteville, and the Kingdom Building Baptist Church, Autryville. Other areas are being explored for new work.

SEMINARY EXTENSION

Additional changes and several new courses have created new interest in the Seminary Extension program. A total of 80 active Seminary Extension centers were reported this year and North Carolina continues to have the largest program in the nation.

Among black Baptists were established 73 courses, granted nine Advanced Diplomas and two diplomas in Pastoral Ministries.

Approximately 800 registrations were recorded. The accumulated record for this phase of Seminary Extension as of August 1, 1989, was as follows:

Number enrolled	3,329
Number registrations	10,745
Number of courses taught	595
Certificates of Merit	37
Diplomas	36

Prison inmates received 474 individual courses during the year, bringing the total to 3,221 since beginning the program in 1979. Four diplomas in Pastoral Ministries were presented, bringing the total to 33 inmates having earned a diploma.

BIVOCATIONAL MINISTRIES

The eighth annual statewide retreat for Bivocational Ministers and Spouses was held at Caraway with an attendance of 120. The department held 21 associational conferences with over 600 bivocational ministers and lay leaders in attendance.

Summary of Sunday School Lessons, (Continued from page 16)

acknowledge the blessing, much less acknowledge the Healer.

But the Great Physician was not through with His patient. Jesus went looking for the man, and found him in the temple. The man had experienced physical healing and Jesus wanted to make him spiritually whole as well. Jesus gave these instructions to the man, "Do not continue sinning unless something worse happens" (v. 14). Jesus was telling the man how to care for his soul. Jesus is concerned about the total person. Allow Him to minister to every area of your life.

While our printed text ends here, the lesson continues with the man telling the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus Who healed him. We don't know why the man went to the Jews, but we do know how they responded. They begin their plot to kill Jesus. And they give the reason, "because he healed on the sabbath." Future lessons will see this antagonism unfold as the Lord's ministry continues. There are those who would destroy the Lord among us today. Beware of the wolves. Continue to study so that you may stand prepared for battle for the Lord.

Have a safe and blessed holiday.



Dr. Corbin Cooper

FINANCIAL REPORT
COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES
AND SEMINARY EXTENSION
9/1/89-8/31/89

Listed below is a record of income and expenses related to ministries jointly sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

EXPENDITURES

The total expenditures through the department from September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989, were as follows:

Personnel Salaries and Benefits (6 people)	$96,464.51
Office Expenses	8,042.41
Summer Program	17,214.04
Seminary Extension Program, Shaw Divinity School	47,047.90
Campus Ministries (NCCU)	2,000.00
Scholarships for Black Students	16,950.00
Training Institutes and Conferences	2,857.35
Minister Retirement Plans	2,880.33
Literature and Promotion	2,292.08
Courses for Prison Inmates	13,500.00
Predominantly Black SBC Churches	52,000.00
Bivocational Ministers Programs	8,926.92
Total Expenditures	$270,175.54

Saint Stephen, Spring Hope, NC, Rev. Wilbur Johnson, Pastor Leads GBSC In Giving To Cooperative Ministries.

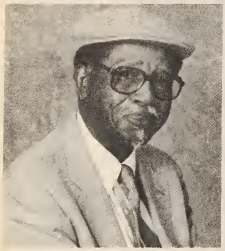
INCOME

THE SOURCES FOR THESE FUNDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cooperative Program, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	$247,537.34
Books and Registration Fees (Seminary Extension)	20,883.65
Shaw Divinity School (Seminary Extension)	1,700.00
Baptist Minister's Fellowship, Winston-Salem	100.00
First Baptist, Burlington, Dr. R.W. Styles	100.00
First Baptist, Fairmont, Dr. J.J. Johnson	600.00
First Baptist, Fayetteville, Dr. C.R. Edwards	500.00
First Baptist, Fuquay-Varina, Rev. Mervin John	25.00
First Baptist Lumberton, Dr. E.B. Turner	500.00
First Baptist, Oxford, Rev. Lacy Joyner	100.00
Guilford Education Union, High Point, Rev. Walter Richmond	70.00
Jackson Chapel, Wilson, Dr. Talmadge A. Watkins	150.00
Jones Chapel, Laurinburg, Dr. H.D. Davis, Sr.	125.00
Jones Chapel, Red Springs, Rev. Jay Leach	150.00
Kenansville-Eastern Assoc., Hampstead, Rev. J.D. Morrisey	100.00
Macedonia, Waco, Rev. James Montgomery, Sr.	490.00
Metrolina Seminary Extension, Charlotte	150.00
Morning Star, Hickory, Dr. W.L. Lytle	75.00
Mount Calvary, Shelby, Dr. S.A. Raper	200.00
Mount Vernon, Creedmoor, Dr.W.R. McNeal	135.00
New Hope Assoc., Chapel Hill, Dr. Marcus Ingram	200.00
Pleasant Hill, Clarkton, Rev. C.T. Bowen	40.00
Roanoke Assoc., Gum Neck, Rev. J.E. Griffin	75.00
Saint Stephen, Spring Hope, Rev. Wilbur Johnson	720.00
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, Dr. J. Ray Butler	500.00
Silver Mount, Charlotte, Dr. William Lee, Jr.	100.00
Terrell's Creek, Chapel Hill, Rev. T.J. Foster	100.00
Union, Winston-Salem, Dr.B.E. Daniels	150.00
Total Income	$270,175.54

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Fairmont Elects First Black Mayor



Dr. J.J. Johnson

FAIRMONT, N.C. — Dr. Joy J. Johnson defeated 16 year incumbent mayor W.B. Webster 692 votes to 666. Seventy percent of the Town's registered voters turned out to vote in the Municipal Election on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1989.

Dr. Johnson is pastor of First Baptist Church, North Main Street. Fairmont and member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. He was the first black to be elected to the Fairmont Town Commission in 1967, the second black to be elected to the North Carolina General Assembly in this century and the first black to chair a major Committee in the North Carolina General Assembly. He was appointed by the speaker of the N.C. House to chair the Committee on Human Resources in 1973 and held the position until 1978, when he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt to serve on the North Carolina five member Parole Commission. Johnson was the First Million Dollar President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., 1974-78.

He is married to Omega E. Foster and they have one daughter, Mrs. Deborah J. Killens and one granddaughter, Ms. Joy A. Killens. Deborah is married to Alexander Killens and they reside in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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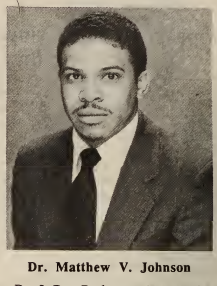
United Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. Installs New Pastor

United Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. will have its Installation Service for its new pastor, Rev. Matthew Vaughan Johnson, on Sunday, December 10, 1989. Rev. Johnson's home church from Hackensack, N.J., will come to Greensboro to participate in the Installation Ceremony. There will be a special service on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., featuring the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Hackensack, N.J., with Rev. Robert L. Curry as the speaker. The Installation Ceremony will follow.

Rev. Johnson is the church's second pastor of United Institutional in a half century, succeeding the late Rev. C.W. Anderson. The 28-year old minister came to the church from Chicago, Illinois, where he pastored the 500-member Monumental Baptist Church and the smaller Herman Baptist Church.

In addition to serving as United Institutional's new pastor, he is a Professor of Religion and Culture at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Department of Religion.

Rev. Johnson is married to Arnetta Nicholson Johnson and they have three lovely daughters, Muriel (5), Nile (3), and Selah (1). He is a graduate of Morehouse College (B.A.) and the University of Chicago Divinity School (M.A.) and a Ph.D. candidate in Theology.



Dr. Matthew V. Johnson

Dr. J. Ray Butler, moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association will preside.

Other participants include Dr. H.S. Lyons of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Dr. Lawrence B. Carter, Morehouse College, Dr. Howard Chubbs, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., Rev. George Brooks, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., Deacon John Marable, Chairman of the Deacon Board, Mr. Thomas Boone, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church.

Submitted by Yvonne L. Cooper
Chairman, Public Relations Committee
United Institutional Baptist Church

Dr. John Grant Called To Historic Church



Dr. John Grant

By Henry Robinson
Religion Editor
Asheville Citizen & Times

Last month, the Rev. John H. Grant accepted the call to be the fifth pastor in the 109-year history of Asheville's Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, the largest predominantly black congregation in Western North Carolina. He's prepared for the challenge.

Founded in 1880 under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Parker Rumley, the Mount Zion congregation has been pastored by the Rev. Jacob Robert Nelson, the Rev. John Winston Hairston and the Rev. John Walter Dickson White.

Grant, a native of Cross Hill, S.C., said the longevity of past pastors at Mount Zion Baptist served to demonstrate the congregation's respect for its pastoral leadership and love of the pastor. "And when you have that combination, it's no telling what the church can accomplish," he said.

"The fact that this church has only had four pastors in its 109-year history was a strong factor in my decision to come to Asheville," Grant said.

"I do feel that I have a tremendous challenge before me here, but I'm also confident that the Lord has equipped me for the challenge."

Grant, who formerly pastored the 400-member Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Shelby, graduated with honors from Wil Lou Gray Opportunity High School in West Columbia, S.C., in 1972. He attended Central Philippine University in Iloilo City, Philippines on a one-year scholarship and graduated magna cum laude from Benedict College in 1976.

He received a master's of divinity degree at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer in Rochester, N.Y., and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at Erksine Theological Seminary in 1987,

Grant said at the time he was interviewed he saw that there was a lot of work to be done at Mount Zion, but he also noted that there was tremendous potential and resources for a great ministry in Asheville. "I truly felt the Lord was drawing me here," he said.

"And when they (search committee) called and said that I had been accepted by an unanimous vote, I knew I had to accept."

The 35-year-old Baptist preacher sees his role as leading every Christian to realize he has something to contribute and to be involved in all aspects of Christian service.

"There is a spectator syndrome in our churches today; that is to say, people come to hear the pastor and choir perform.

"It's like at a football stadium where you have people observing 22 football players who desperately need rest and 65,000 people in desperate need of exercise. My concept of the ministry is that we all need to participate and that there are no spectators."

Grant and his wife, the former Belinda Kennedy of Laurens, S.C., are the parents of two children, Konitia Jontae and John Hamilton Jr.

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W.B. Lewis Officially Announces His Candidacy For The Presidency

My theme: "A continuation of unity, strength and progress"

W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmpolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina and Vice President at-large, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated announced that he is a candidate seeking the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated October 31, 1990. After much prayer, and after talking with many people I offer myself as a candidate for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated.

I come to the kingdom such a time as this, bringing with me a wealth of experience in the Christian Ministry, and many years of service in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. God has allowed me to build church structures, as well as strengthen congregations spiritually and financially. The Lord has helped me to lead every church which he has allowed me to pastor to higher height in giving, and a deeper depth in Christian living. I praise God for his goodness. I bring with me a Christian heart, positive attitude, honesty and a commitment to honor the Lord, and service the people. I believe that putting God first, hard work, faithful to the cause, and committed to the task, are the keys to success. I believe that even as a Convention we should set an example in our behavior pattern toward one another and in the area of brotherhood and sisterhood in Christ.

My campaign will be carried out in a positive manner, and will be Christian oriented, in every respect. I want to recognize all of us as God's Children.

The General Baptist Convention needs the leadership of a man who is committed to meeting the needs of the Convention as a whole, and dedicated to serving the needs of people. These are the trademarks of W.B. Lewis.

The General Baptist Convention needs the leadership of a man who is not only sure of his convictions, but also who has a burning zeal for ministering to others. The Convention needs the leadership of a man who knows where he is going, one who has the gift of working with, and recognizing people. The General Baptist Convention needs a man with the necessary experience and expertise to boldly take the helm and guide the Convention forward in God's service. W.B. Lewis is that man. "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying 'Whom shall I send? and Who will go for us?' and I said 'Here I am, send me,' I am ready to be president of our General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated.

I call upon the people of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated to give me your prayers, your support, and your vote to help continue unity, strength, stability and progress of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. Thank you.



Dr. W.B. Lewis

Dr. Lewis, who is married to the former Lillie Mae Hilliard, who is a graduate of Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, N.C., A.B. Degree Early Childhood Education, and father of two daughters Wilhelmina Jeannette Lewis graduate of Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia, A.B. and M.S. in Music Central University, Durham, N.C. Liteta Yvette Croom graduate of UNCG at Greensboro, N.C., A.B. & M.S. in Micro-Biology. Son-in-law: Doneil Croom, graduate East Carolina University, B.S. in Electronics and Real Estate. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Shaw University with A.B. degree. He also holds the M. Div. degree from Shaw Divinity School and the honorary D.D. degree from Shaw Divinity School. In addition, he has done further study at the Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. 1988 he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD.

A lifelone Baptist, Dr. Lewis has served in many capacities throughout the Baptist ranks.

Past participation in Baptist organizations outside the GBSC, civic, political and social activities, include: Clerk of Wake Missionary Baptist Association, Clerk of the Johnston Missionary Baptist Association, Chairman of the Shaw Divinity School Pastor's Conference, President of the Shaw Divinity School Theological Alumni Association, President of the BTU Convention, Nash County; President of the Wake Baptist Association Ministers and Deacons Union; Moderator of the Wake Baptist Association; member of the Voter League, President of the Interracial Interdenominational Ministerial Association of Raleigh and Vicinity (two Terms). Secretary of the Inter-Faith Commission, Wilmington; YMCA Board of Directors, editor of the Shaw Divinity School Seminarian, First Vice-president of GBCS, Recording Secretary of GBSC, Historian of GBSC and Controller of GBSC.

His former pastorates include: Bethlehem Baptist and Wake Chapel Baptist Churches in Wake County and Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, and New Bethel Baptist Church, Clayton, N.C. In addition to his pastoral endeavors, Dr. Lewis has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. Other travel included trips to the Holy Land, Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Africa, Syria, Lebanon, India, Turkey, and England.

Presently, Dr. Lewis is the pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh. Current positions in the GBSC, member, Executive Committee member, General Board member, Constitution Committee member, Migrant Committee member, Prison Committee Coordinator, Committee on Evangelism; Charter member Baptist Foundation; and member Home Mission Department; Vice-President at-large GBSC and Chairman General Board GBSC.

Outside of the Convention bounds, he serves as a member of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees; Member Executive Board, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; Secretary to the Shaw Divinity School Pastor's Conference Committee; Co-editor of the Shaw Divinity School Seminarian; Member of Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, Commissioner of Housing, Raleigh, N.C.; USA, Incorporated; Member Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Member Raleigh Interracial Ministerial Association; and Member National Baptist Convention, Incorporated.

In areas other than religious circles, he is a member of the N.C. State Board of Prison Chaplaincy, member of the Social Service Board of Wake County; President, COSMO and Lewis Estate, Incorporated; member of the Board of Directors of Rich Park (a low-income housing project) member of the Prince Hall Lodge Masonic Order of Raleigh; NAACP and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.

Dr. Lewis pledges himself to the following commitments: (1) Putting God in front; (2) Out constitutional structure, the way and the works of our Convention; (3) Listening and giving the people a voice; (4) A program of our Convention that cares, that is aware, sensitive, and serving the needs of our people; (5) A statewide effort to touch the untouched; (6) Respect for all people; (7) The young pastors and senior pastors participating in the life and works of our Convention; (8) Stabilizing the fiscal operation, so that the operation can run smoothly; (9) Balancing the budget; (10) Supporting our objectives; (11) The ministries and mission of our Convention; (12) Building unity and brotherly love; (13) Eliminate unnecessary meetings; (14) Give each auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Incorporated, the freedom and latitude to develop its ministry to the fullest capacity within the boundary of the Convention's mission; and (15) To place special emphasis on Baptist policy and Baptist doctrine. (16) Emphasize citizenship. (17) Continue the social ministries. (18) Emphasize Voter Registration as a means to representation. (19) Emphasize economic stability. (20) Emphasize associational participation on the local level to aid the Convention. (21) Giving special attention to the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

"The Convention needs all of the unity and harmony we can give it. I want to continue the healing process, to help bring back brotherly and sisterly love to our great Convention. I will assist in helping to give associations and moderators their rightful place in participating in the affairs and operation procedures of the Convention. And I will continue to support the idea that we should have strong fiscal accountability.

In conclusion, Dr. Lewis said, "Unity is always better than disunity, but an enforced unity is a sham and a dangerous affair; full of explosive possibilities. Christian unity must be of the mind and heart, a sense of belonging together and of facing together those paramount problems that seem insurmountable.

"The Christian multitude which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion; and the unity which does not depend upon the Christian multitude is not resolute." Thank you in advance for your support and God Bless You!

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10 One-Day Session SS and BTU Congress, Raleigh, NC

1-15 Shaw University, Religious Emphasis Week

24 One-Day Session Usher's Convention, Fayetteville, NC

28 Ash Wednesday

MARCH 1990

3 Usher's Convention, Executive Committee President & Vice President, 9:a m Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC

3 Usher's Convention, Executive Board 10:a m . Baptist Headquarters Raleigh, NC

3 Vacation Bible School/Self Study Committee, Laurel Hill, NC

3 Christian Education Conference, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

10 Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a .m., 1st Baptist, Lumberton, NC

12-15 Statewide Evangelism Conference, Salem, Charlotte, NC

13 Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC

17 Vacation Bible School Clinic/Self Study Committee, Laurel Hill, NC

18 Shaw Divinity School, Sarah Turner Tupper Banquet

24 Woman's State Convention, Executive Committee Meeting, 8:45 a.m . Baptist Headquarters

24 Woman's State Convention, Executive Board Meeting, 10:15 a m . Conference Room

24 Vacation Bible School/Self Study Committee (Place to be announced)

"I Have A Dream . . ."

Martin Luther King Jr. 1963



(Reprinted from Mount Carmel Baptist Church **VOICES**, *Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Leon C. Riddick, Pastor, Mrs. Bernice T. Caldwell, Editor)*

On January 15, 1990 we observed the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. The following excerpt is from the book, THE DAYS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. by Jim Bishop. The VOICES editor offers this excerpt as a reminder to us all of the impact of this speech by Dr. King and the tremendous influence his courage and leadership had and still has on our lives.

On the rostrum, Dr. King had his speech on his thigh and was crossing out certain phrases and substituting others. He was disturbed because the program (the August 28, 1963 March on Washington), starting at 9 a.m., was going on too long, and he doubted that the crowd would hold, or even be in a mood to listen to him as the final speaker. Besides, there was little left to say. . .At 3 p.m. the fringes of the crowd began to walk away. Collars had wilted in the humidity. Damp blouses were plastered against backs. Branches of big trees hung motionless. The dome of the Capitol faded in bluish haze. It was thirty minutes past three when Randolph (A. Philip Randolph) held his bony hands up for silence, and introduced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a "man who personifies moral leadership." It was not a stirring introduction for the new hero from Atlanta; it was restrained, as though Randolph felt that King had a place among the leaders but was not to be considered the leader.

King approached the microphones wearing a deeply solemn expression. A roar of approval came from 200,000 throats before he uttered a word, and it was the thunder of surf on a rocky coast. For a moment, he placed his sheets of paper on the lectern and permitted the crowd to pay him tribute. Then he smiled and the boyishness bubbled to the top and he waved both hands to the people. It would require time to start his speech. However, once the round, deep tones emerged from his throat and the slow cadence hit the ears of the people, there was silence except for the words which excited them to a frenzy of approval.

"Five score years ago" he said, "a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

"But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. . .One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. . .

". . .There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges."

Once more, he was using the repetition of a single word or phrase for emphasis. He had said that he would not use the Detroit phrase about a dream, but at this point, Dr. King reversed himself and strode boldly into a historic speech.

"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood."

The dense crowd came alive. It caught the cadence. It whooped and hollered as though Moses himself had come down from the Mount to tell them what life was going to be like. "I have a dream" — the swell of noise from throats engulfed everything, and Dr. King had to stop. Behind him, almost lost in the crowd, Coretta King found her eyes misting. She had desired, with all her heart, to be at his side on this day, at this hour. It was not that she wanted to share his glory; she had sensed that this would be a great moment in his life, and she had only wanted to be nearby.

"I have a dream that one day even the State of Mississippi, a desert state sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character.

"I have a dream today.

"I have a dream that one day the State of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where the black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

"I have a dream today.

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. . .

"And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

"Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. . .

"Let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring." His voice softened, became almost meditative, as he reached the conclusion.

"When we let Freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!' "

Martin Luther King picked up his notes and stepped back to his seat. The crowd was silent. It was stunned. Then, as Randolph stood to announce the closing benediction, the people went wild, screaming, waving placards by the hundreds, smashing them to the ground, knowing in its collective heart that "I have a Dream" would stand as one of the most moving speeches of modern times.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Unions and Conventions and members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina, Inc.:

Happy New Year and may the blessing of the Lord be upon you as you seek to do his will in giving your full support and cooperation to the Lord's work in supporting the objectives of the convention.

The year 1990, in regard to the convention, offers to us a great challenge in helping and blessing others through the plans and programs of the convention. I say to you again, as I have said before, "we are challenged to attempt great things for the Lord, and expect great things from the Lord."

As we begin a new in this new year, we encourage you to lead your church to meet its suggested quota and send monthly a part of your quota for state missions and for the other objectives in order for the convention to meet its monthly financial obligations.

Our challenge to give in order to support the gospel ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations is based on the church covenant as well as our Baptist Beliefs in regard to: the Church, Missions, Education and Social Service.

The Church

We believe that the church has a dual meaning: the Church Militant and the Church Triumph. We believe that the first is the agent and the second is the goal, that the Church Militant is an imperfect institution made up of sinners seeking forgiveness for their sin while the Church Triumphant in the perfect organism made up of saints who are in harmony with God.

We further believe that the Church Militant, the earthly institution, the terrestrial organization wears the mantle of Jesus Christ and has been commissioned by him to carry on his work.

We believe with Paul that ". . .Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church, to himself a florous church, not having spot or wrinkle or one such thing; but that it should be holy." In fact in this statement Paul shows the transition from the Church Militant that its imperfections to the Church Triumphant, perfect, spotless, and Holy.

We further believe that the path to the Church Triumphant, the goal is through the Church Militant, and that this agency is an army of baptized believers in Jesus Christ and, as He died to make men holy, those who have enlisted in His army are willing to die to make men free.

We also believe that the Church Militant must be a model of what is expected in the Church Triumphant, that it must be a witness to Christ in the world community through preaching the word, through rendering service and through showing itself to be a fellowship of believers in which the good news is spread abroad and man's needs are ministered unto.

The Missions

We believe in missions and that every Christian must be a missionary.

We believe that missions is like the beat of the heart; the outward beat represents **foreign missions** and the inward beat represents **home missions.**

We further believe that a statement from our Lord provides the framework for the mission and ministry of every Christian and every church. "Go ye therefore," says Jesus, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19-20).

In addition, we believe that Jesus outlined the plan in which the Great Commission was to be activated: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We affirm our belief that mission must start at home and spread out until it encompasses the world.

Education

We believe that Christianity is taught as well as caught and that it is usually taught before it is caught. Jesus was a teacher. At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount we are told that ". . .he opened his mouth and taught them" (Matthew 5:1), and in the Great Invitation the Master beckons us to COME, to TAKE his yoke upon us, and to LEARN of him (Matt. 11:28-29).

We believe that one of the major functions of a church following the teachings of Jesus is to educate its members. Christian education is the process of nurturing people in their progressive development toward Christian maturity. It includes leading, teaching, training and involving persons in the Christianity maturity process. Christ rules in his church as members hear the word proclaimed and taught (Matt. 28:20). And, because the master has set the goal of Christian maturity in lofty realms: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48), education in the Christian framework never ends.

We believe that a church which fails to educate its members hinders not only their progress on the road to maturity, but its own progress to the point that it ceases to be a church.

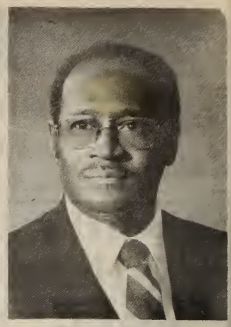
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We believe in meeting social needs with social service. When someone needs consolation, we offer succor. When someone needs a companion, we offer friendship. When someone faces problems, we offer counsel. And when someone finds talking to God difficult, we offer intercessory prayer.

We believe that even in rendering service to the most humble among us, we are rendering service to Christ.

Our direction for giving financial support to the objectives of our Convention and other causes is based upon what we believe to be the teaching of the Bible.



Dr. C.C. Craig

CORRECTIONS

In the November-December issue of the **Baptist Informer,** the article of the Top Ten Churches quoted Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, C.A. Jones, pastor, incorrectly. The correct figure should have been $33,169.64. Rev. Jones and Members of Friendship Baptist Church, please accept our sincere apology.

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By
Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



Recommendations

(Made at 1989 Annual Session, October 29-November 2, in Charlotte, North Carolina)

I. Because of the Boy and Girl Scout Programs addresses many of the needs of boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18, and because the programs are nondenominational, and because the program can be used for non church members as well as church members, I recommend that the churches of our Convention embrace the programs of the Boy and Girl Scouts and use them as in church and church outreach programs.

II. Because a number of young men and women, who are members of our Baptist churches, are enrolled in colleges and universities in our state, and in a number of instances, do not join or affiliate with a church while away, I recommend that the General Baptist State Convention put in place a Commission or a Committee to seek out the possibilities of assisting the colleges and universities in organizing "A GENERAL BAPTIST STUDENT UNION." That the national affiliation will be with the National Baptist Student Union, if possible.

III. Recognizing that the Missionary Baptist Church is independent and autonomous of other churches, associations, and conventions and that its relationship with the Convention or Association is by choice and not authority, and yet, many of these churches that are independent have internal problems at times and because our Convention does not have the legal authority to assist these churches only when asked, I recommend that the General Baptist State Convention put in place or organize a Consulting Committee staffed with persons who have training or experience in dealing with conflicts in churches. That a church needing such assistance would have to request such services. This Committee will have a membership of five (5) to seven (7) persons.

IV. Because, to my knowledge, our Convention has not adopted a position on who can or cannot qualify to serve as a minister in the churches of our Convention, I hereby recommend that a Committee working with Moderators, work out a Position Paper to be adopted by the General Baptist State Convention.

V. I recommend that our Convention through its churches, pastors, and moderators put forth a special effort to see to it that we balance our 1989-90 budget.

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The One Day Session Of The State Sunday School And Baptist Training Union Congress Of The GBSC

By Dr. Leo Williams Jr.
Cedric H. Jones, President
Hazel McLean, Dean

A great deal of excitement and expectancy is being registered by many of the pastors and members of General Baptist Churches across the state of North Carolina as we prepare for the Congress' One Day Meeting to be held at the First Baptist Church, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1990. The Rev. Nathaniel Boykin is Pastor of the Church.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Opening Assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. Each church is asked to register with at least two hundred ($200.00) dollars to represent its Sunday School and Baptist Training Union for Missions and Christian Education. Individual registration is three ($3.00) dollars each. District and County Conventions are asked to contribute two hundred ($200.00) dollars each. All monies are to be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention. Our financial goal is forty thousand ($40,000) dollars.

The General Theme for this year is "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task: Christian Education." Seven classes have been scheduled to revolve around the theme. They are Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, Sunday School Teachers, Baptist Training Union Workers, Church Secretaries, Students and youth. The Congress Theme Lesson, the General Theme Address, Official Greetings, Recognitions, and the Sermon are some of the highlights of the session. The Congress Youth Department will meet in separate session in a different area of the church facility. So be sure to bring your young people.

A Certificate of Recognition is being prepared for each church that represents with at least two hundred dollars. Please send or bring your contribution to Baptist Headquarters by February 4 so that your certificate can be ready for you on February 10 at the One Day Session.

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Revive Us Again!

By Executive Secretary Brodie



How swiftly has the year of 1989 ended and here we are entering a new year, 1990, even a new decade. We are reminded of the tasks/obligations of the past year and are aware that some of these must be carried over into the New Year. Yet we know we shall face even new tasks to be added to those already begun. Perhaps in keeping with tradition some of us may make resolutions for the New Year. Because of mere thinking about what we are to confront, some of us are tired already and the New Year and the decade have just begun. Even some have experienced sorrow already. Under such tremendous weight can we go on and face with zest, even faith, this New Year and its experiences? Sure we can, by praying and believing the words, "Revive us again (O God); fill each heart with Thy love; May each soal be rekindled with fire from above." Thus for our journey in and through this New Year, we shall need reviving and rekindling with the Holy Spirit so that we shall be empowered for the tasks/obligations which lie ahead.

Even the life of the late Martin L. King, Jr., needed reviving and rekindling, when he dreamed of envisioned and fought with fortitude so that **the least of them** could and can experience civil rights as well as the greatest of them.

Let us be revived and rekindled, perhaps in greater degree, in giving to our objectives this New Year so that they can function more effectively in the services they provide for their recipients: Shaw University **$44,000.00;** Shaw Divinity School **$30,000.00;** Foreign Missions **$40,000.00;** Central Children's Home **$31,000.00;** Baptist Assembly **$15,000.00;** State Missions **$386,599.99,** resulting in **$546,599.99.**

Indeed this is the New Year and may we be revived and rekindled so that we can know joy, peace, love, grace, wisdom, courage, faith, strength as we serve and share regardless of the circumstance.

Happy New Year!

Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC

The 1990 Calendar

JANUARY
(Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS)
13 — The Mid-Year Session

FEBRUARY
(Prayer Month for NATIONAL MISSIONS)

APRIL
(Prayer Month for FOREIGN MISSIONS)
7 — State-Wide Leaders' Workshop
15 — Easter

MAY
5 — Ministers' Wives Retreat

JUNE
2 — Young Adults' Retreat
4-8 — Leadership Training Conference
10-15 — First Week of Youth Bible Camp
17-22 — Second Week of Youth Bible Camp
23 — MISSIONS PRAYER DAY
24-29 — Third Week of Youth Bible Camp

JULY
21 — All Baptist Picnic
23-26 — Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

AUGUST
(Prayer Month for the FAMILY)
27 — Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

SEPTEMBER
3-9 — National Baptist Convention, USA
22 — Family Missions Conference

OCTOBER
(Prayer Month for SHAW UNIVERSITY and THE DIVINITY SCHOOL)
13 — Institute Workers' Workshop

NOVEMBER
3 — Youth Evangelism Conference
5 — World Day of Prayer (BWA-Woman's Dept.)
22 – Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER
25 — Christmas Day

Evangelism: "Pass It On"

By Ms. Augusta White, Associate Editor

Young people from across North Carolina crowded into the Malcolm Brown Auditorium at Shelby High School, Shelby for the Eighth Annual Youth Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, on Saturday, November 4, 1989. The host church was Shiloh Baptist Church and the host pastor was Reverend R.E. Devoe. Tania Butler, Youth President, presided over the conference. The opening song, "Blessed Assurance," was led by the Youth choir from Cleveland and other counties. Scripture was read by Bryant Smarr of Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, and prayer by Caldwell Ross of First Baptist Church, Shelby.

Greetings were given by Reverend R.E. Devoe. He stated that he was happy to have the Eighth Annual Youth Evangelism Conference in Shelby at the foot of the mountain. We have been planning for you and looking forward to your coming for a long time. Thank you for coming.

Mrs. Eva Johnson, President of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, greeted the group and stated "the more we get together, together, together, the happier we will be." This morning there are so many things you could have been engaged in, but you are here. To God we give the glory that you have come this way because this is the time that you are beginning to witness for God. Whatever you give to God is an investment and it will come back to you. The Convention's Motto is "Christ In Every Home." Our task is unfinished until we have Christ in every home.

Mrs. Maggie White, Second Vice President, from Shelby, welcomed the group to Shelby. She too expressed her gratitude for seeing so many youth and adults present for the Evangelism Conference. She expressed her appreciation to the adults in Cleveland County who had given their time to sing and participate in the Conference.

Mrs. Barbara T. Hewett, Youth Supervisor, of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, greeted the group and expressed her appreciation for having such a large group present for the Conference. A musical selection, "Pass It On," was presented by the 100 or more voice youth choir of all ages from Cleveland County.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, was presented for **announcements.** We are appreciative to those who invited us to share our Evangelism Conference in Cleveland County. You laid the ground work for this Conference and we are truly grateful.

The Mid Year Session of the Woman's Convention will be held the second Saturday in January, at the Civic Center in Raleigh. The Leadership Conference will be held in April at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

The Mini Sessions were introduced by President Tania Butler. I. "The Unfinished Task for the Afro-American Christian Youth In Our Society," was discussed by Danielle Lassiter, 1st Vice President. We are transplanted Africans from Africa. We Afro-Americans have a rich history. We have nothing to be ashamed of. God has freed us and we must stand up against wrong doings. Some of us feel embarrassed talking about God, but we must not be embarrassed to witness for God. As we near the nineties to what are we as youth commiting ourselves? We must begin to serve Him now. We must put God first in our lives.

II. "Christian Youth Choosing a Responsible Career" was discussed by Richard Dockery of Columbus County. He stated that the most powerful thing God has given us is the power to choose. Youth can choose the right way or the wrong way. We must choose the right way. As young people you must choose worthwhile career goals. Career goals are anything you want to decide to do in life. Get some goals because if there are no goals there is no organization. Once you set your goals work hard to reach them.

The Question and Answer Period was conducted by Mrs. Vernie Williams, Associate Supervisor, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

Reverend Daryl McGraw led the group in "Sharing Experiences." The young people were eager to witness for God and to state what He meant in their lives.

Following the song, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," directed by Victor Davis, youth choir director, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, **Dr. J. Gentile Everett,** Pastor, Elevation Baptist Church, Raleigh, **brought the message** which was taken from St. Matthew 23:37-39 subject: "A Wicked City With A Way Out." We are standing along side of Jesus. We are able to see the sun glistening through the trees — Jesus says to us "Let us go into Jerusalem." Jerusalem is the Holy City. All other towns are trying to be like Jerusalem. Let us go to the shopping mall — He would see people shoplifting; the public schools — He would see youth selling drugs, youth having babies. Jerusalem you are in a spiritual mess. In the homes you can hear parents saying, "We don't have to baby sit our children" and they sit them in front of the television and go to work to buy a new home and other things. It's better to have a hole and save your children.

Society people are carrying signs in their hands which say, "Gays, Abortion." We are in a spiritual mess. Aids is taking its toll. You are in a spiritual mess.

When Jesus went to the local church, He was disturbed because He saw the born again Christians sinning. The church people are sinning and not being discreet. The church is in a spiritual mess.

Sometimes if we are in a group we have to suffer with the bad. Jesus said, "I am going to take out papers against the city." What's wrong with the city?

The city needs the right council and people to do God's work. It baffles me why the church continues puting people in office that don't need to be there. Liars on the council are cheating and stealing. It's so dark until they can't find their way to Sunday School and church. Meanness has them out of order. They have boxing gloves on their tongues and they are in verbal boxing matches. Jealousy is having everyone suffering from insecurity. Oh Jerusalem, Oh Jerusalem, thou art the

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one killing the prophets. The Word of God must go forth. It's dangerous to lose God's protection; you have nothing to protect you. Every child of God should hold unto God's protection. It does not matter how the storm clouds rise because you have God's protection. The church can be full but empty because the church is measured by love and protection and not by the number of persons attending. Jesus is saying that there is a way out. Change the leaders.

If you have mercy, you have fellowship. If you have love, you will be changed. If you have truth, you will be genuine.

Recognize the ones whom Jesus has called and commissioned. As a young person you have some mountains you must climb, you have some valleys you have to go through. "At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burdens of my heart rolled away," God has the power to work it out for you. No matter what the problem is God will provide.

Following the **Dedication** and **Rededication,** the **benediction** was given by Reverend R.E. Devoe.

Ten Commandments For Spiritual Growth

Compiled By Dr. Paul Johnson, Raleigh, N.C.

(While reading I came across the following Ten Commandments. I would like to share them.)

I. I will mind my own business and not gossip nor believe anything discouraging about any person until I know it to be absolutely true, and then I will not repeat it to anybody unless I mean to help that person.

II. I will not wear my feelings on my sleeve nor be so sensitive as to look for personal offenses or slights or be envious and suspicious of anyone.

III. I will wear a smile. When I am gloomy, I will go away and hide rather than inflict myself on others who have troubles enough of their own.

IV. I will be kind to others and severe toward myself and do nothing to either another or myself which may become a bitter memory in after years.

V. I will not be headstrong and will remember that other people with different ideas from mine may be right.

VI. I will play the game of life on the square, doing nothing to discourage an honest man, offend a good woman, or cause a child to weep or go astray.

VII. I will hold my temper and each night ask God to forgive me as I have forgiven my neighbors.

VIII. I will face the world each morning with confidence, determined to be as true, happy, clean, and brave as I can. Believing in myself, I will not make excuses. I will strive at all times to be progressive, positive, and practical.

IX. I will move out into some battle for a worthy cause. I will get under some load of human need and help life, realizing that my personality will break down and my soul shrivel up to dryness if I do not give of myself in some unselfish service.

X. I will not be too proud or pagan to pray. Realizing I cannot accomplish these resolutions in my own strength, I will make God a partner in everything I do.

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"General Baptist Announce New 1990 Minister Salary Guidelines"

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From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

The objective of this book is to assist churches in determining adequate financial support for their ministers.

It is hoped that this edition will be helpful as a guide for adequately supporting your servants of the Lord. The suggested minimums are starting places.

This report reflects a comparative survey of Salary Guidelines of ministers in other denominations; and of professionals with similar responsibilities and qualifications. The recommended Total Pay Packages are based on a Full-Time ministry commitment on the part of the pastor and the congregation.

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The Biblical Concept: Support for the Minister

The Biblical concept is support for the minister. The church is to support the minister so He will be able to give himself to the ministry.

The minister deserves to be supported. (See verses 4-14)

4. Have we not power to eat and to drink?

5. Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

6. Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

7. Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8. Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

9. For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

12. If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all thins, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

13. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:4-14 KJV)

The church will want to be generous. (See verses 17-18)

17. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

18. For the scripture saith. Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. (1 Timothy 5:17, 18 KJV)

God calls his ministers to serve. He calls upon his people to support them adequately.

Recommendations by the Home Mission Committee and Benefit Commission

We recommend that you commit yourself to help your minister.

How you can help your minister. . .as a RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYER

a. Understand and utilize to the best advantage the tax laws and IRS rulings related to the minister.

(1) Be sure your church issues a W-2 form to all employees including ministers. Ministers are considered to be employees by IRS for income tax purposes.

(2) Inform the proper persons that the church or association can and perhaps should withhold income tax. The church can also withhold enough tax. The church can also withhold enough income tax to cover self-employment tax (Social Security) for the minister.

(3) Encourage your church to adopt a policy and procedure to reimburse ministry-related expenses rather than giving an allowance. It is advantageous to account to the church for all expenses and get reimbursed, rather than receive an allowance and account to IRS and the State Revenue Department.

(4) Encourage your church to be a responsible employer by providing a plan for retirement and insurance. This is protection for you as well as for the minister. Too often this is bypassed by offering a lump sum of money and allowing the minister to divide it. If the minister takes the money for compensation, then when he is older (and is too late) he sees the need for protection he does not have.

(5) Encourage your church to be a responsible employer. Did you know that your church can provide up to $50,000 life insurance, and can provide disability and medical insurance that is tax free to the minister if you provide it for him? However, if you pay him and he buys these insurance plans for himself, that money becomes taxable!

(6) See that your church provides an adequate housing and utility allowance. The minister cannot claim more than the church approves as an allowance even if he spends it.

b. Encourage your church to set up and pay for a conference for ministers, stewardship/finance/budget committee, and deacons with a CPA or other competent tax advisor.

c. Provide for adequate retirement and insurance protection.

(1) Church Annuity Plan — If your church or association has not adopted the plan for your minister(s), you should consider it immediately — both for your protection as well as your minister(s).

We recommend that you consider the following eight factors as you determine the level of support for your ministers.

How to determine the level of support

a. Living Cost in Your Community — You will ask: What does it cost to live and support a family in our community? Certainly, you will want to enable your minister to live comfortably and maintain an adequate standard of living. Size of family, age of children and special family needs should be considered.

b. Financial Ability — What is the church or association's ability to support its minister(s)? The amount of income and the giving potential of the members will determine what the church can do. If your church does not have the financial resources to adequately support your minister(s), you need to allow the minister to supplement his income.

c. The Rate of Inflation — You should consider an annual increase in compensation at least as large as the cost of living increase as indicated by the consumer price index. Consider whether increases in recent years have kept pace. If not, consider an adjustment. The Bureau of Labor Consumer Price Index for recent years indicates the following percentage of increase:

1979 — 13.3%	1984 — 4.0%
1980 — 12.4%	1985 — 3.8%
1981 — 8.9%	1986 — 1.3%
1982 — 3.9%	1987 — 4.4%
1983 — 3.8%	1988 — 4.4%

The ten-year increase is greater than the total of the annual increase because of compounding.

Ten-year cost of living increase is 78%.

d. Income of Church Families — Socioeconomic conditions of church communities vary greatly. Median family income for North Carolina for the fiscal year ending in July 1988 was $28,300.* The median family incomes for selected statistical areas were:

Raleigh/Durham — $36,600
Charlotte/Gastonia — $32,700
Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point — $32,200
Burlington (Alamance County) — $30,300
Hickory/Morganton — $29,300
Wilmington — $27,600
Asheville — $27,400
Fayetteville — $25,400
Jacksonville — $20,600

You may consult Survey of Buying Power (July issue of Sales and Marketing Management) in your library for figures on the "effective buying income" for your community.

The minister's support should be at least as much as the average family in the church or association.

The budget must reflect these distinct categories if the minister is to receive maximum benefit from the support provided by the church or association.

The minister will be better served to account to the church for expenses and get reimbursed for expenditures. The church may desire to give any unused money in the expense budget as a bonus at year end which will be taxable income.

a. Ministry-Related Expense

Travel, convention expense, continuing education, books, and entertainment of guests are ministry-related (business) expenses and should not be regarded as income for the minister.

b. Benefits

Benefits include group life insurance, disability insurance, medical insurance, and retirement annuity. Provision for these benefits should be standard procedure for church committees considering the support of its minister.

For the employees of the church we recommend:

(1) That the church be a responsible employer and provide life, disability, and medical insurance protection for each full-time employee, furnishing the premium cost as an employee benefit.

(2) That the church participate in the General Baptist State Convention Annuity Plan, depositing an amount equal to at least 10% of each minister's total direct income.

c. Personal Income

Personal income for ministers includes base support, housing allowance, and utilities allowance. The church will want to provide adequate personal income so that concern for financial needs does not detract from an effective ministry.

d. Housing Allowance — Recognizing that many churches do not own a parsonage, Congress expanded the tax-exempt housing concept to include property-designated payments by a church to its minister with which he provides his own housing. This means that the amount expended by the minister for (1) rent and utilities, if renting a home, or (b) the principle, interest, taxes, and utilities, if purchasing a home is tax-free income so long as (1) the amounts are properly designated by the church or association as housing allowance payments prior to the beginning of such allowance, (2) are actually expended for the authorized purposes, and (3) do not exceed the fair rental value of the house fully furnished, plus utilities. Thus a significant part of a minister's earnings can be converted to tax-free income through proper action by the church or association.

e. Competence of the Minister — the competence of the minister involves many thins: native ability, understanding of his task, education, skills, experience, and commitment. You will want to evaluate your minister, and use this evaluation as a guide in determining the level of support.

f. Effectivenes of the Minister — How well does your minister perform the ministry tasks? Minsters who serve faithfully and effectively should receive merit increases which exceed cost of living adjustments.

g. Tenure — How long has your minister served you? Effective ministry is dependent on depth relationships. It takes time to develop relationships. Therefore, you will want to take into account length of service.

h. Income of Other Professionals — The level of income of other professional persons (school principal, agriculture extension agent, director of social services, etc.) of similar education and responsibility in your area will provide another realistic guideline.

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Salary Guidelines

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Title — Public School Teacher (1988-1989) (Master's Degree)	
Beginning	19,590
Middle Level	26,395
Top Level	33,200
Title — Sales Person (1988) (Average Annual Compensation)	
Trainee	24,395
Middle Level	38,869
Top Level	58,308

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5. We recommend that you use the following worksheet in determining ministry-related expense, and the level of support for your minister(s).

How to Support an Effective Ministry
A Worksheet for Financial Support of the Minister

	This year 19___	Proposed for next year 19___
I. Ministry Expense		
1. Travel	$_____	$_____
2. Conventions/conferences	$_____	$_____
3. Books, publications and other	$_____	$_____
Total MINISTRY EXPENSE	$_____	$_____
II. Direct Income		
1. Base Support	$_____	$_____
2. Housing	$_____	$_____
3. Utilities and upkeep	$_____	$_____
4. Social Security Offset	$_____	$_____
Total DIRECT INCOME	$_____	$_____
III. Benefits		
1. Retirement	$_____	$_____
2. Life Insurance	$_____	$_____
3. Medical Insurance	$_____	$_____
4. Long Term Disability	$_____	$_____
Total BENEFITS	$_____	$_____

(The recommended minimums are based on **full-time** pastoral service, past experience, educational level, church budget, population area, etc. If you serve a church two Sundays a month please divide each category by two. If you serve a church only one Sunday a month please divide each category by four.)

Recommended Minimums — Based on Averages
Full Time Pastors — Rural

RESIDENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	1-99	100-199	200-299	300-399	500-799	800-1,199	1200-1499
MINISTRY EXPERIENCE							
TRAVEL	2,474	3,140	3,148	3,675	4,226	5,143	
CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES	433	606	703	809	870	1,230	
BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, & OTHER	313	397	445	470	508	532	
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSE	3,220	4,143	4,296	4,954	5,604	6,905	
DIRECT INCOME							
BASE SUPPORT	9,135	1,339	14,638	16,368	18,275	24,064	
HOUSING	3,499	3,499	4,581	4,019	5,581	6,682	
UTILITIES AND UPKEEP	1,683	2,284	2,345	2,389	2,226	2,610	
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET 1	1,075	1,458	1,619	1,710	1,959	2,505	
TOTAL DIRECT INCOME	15,392	8,580	23,183	24,486	28,041	35,861	
BENEFITS							
RETIREMENT 2	1,539	2,087	2,318	2,448	2,804	3,586	
LIFE INSURANCE	390	396	462	462	528	594	
MEDICAL INSURANCE 3	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	
LONG TERM DISABILITY 4	189	273	315	336	399	504	
TOTAL BENEFITS	4,974	5,672	6,011	6,162	6,647	7,600	

1. Self-employment tax will be 15.3% of total direct income up to $50,400 (est). in 1990. Figures represent 1/2 of self-employment tax. Social security is taxable income for the minister. 2. At least 10% of total direct income (member should contribute an additional 5%). 3. Based on family coverage — pastorage age 48. 4. Based on male age 48.

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Recommended Minimums — Based on Averages
Full Time Pastors — Small Cities — Town (Population 500-2,499)

RESIDENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		1-99	100-199	200-299	300-399	500-799	800-1,199	1200-1499
MINISTRY EXPERIENCE								
TRAVEL		2,767	2,300	3,310	3,890	4,371	5,100	6,300
CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES		731	766	790	812	880	910	1,001
BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, & OTHER		313	401	450	485	525	550	610
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSE		3,811	3,467	4,550	5,187	5,776	6,560	7,911
DIRECT INCOME								
BASE SUPPORT		11,496	13,496	15,073	16,821	19,578	24,910	27,899
HOUSING		4,725	5,725	6,122	6,191	7,289	7,300	8,014
UTILITIES AND UPKEEP		1,411	1,411	2,775	2,858	2,972	3,001	3,010
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET	1	1,549	1,549	1,798	1,993	2,034	2,101	2,900
TOTAL DIRECT INCOME		19,181	22,181	25,768	27,863	31,873	37,312	41,823
BENEFITS								
RETIREMENT	2	2,218	2,449	2,445	2,853	2,911	3,344	4,471
LIFE INSURANCE		396	462	462	528	528	594	660
MEDICAL INSURANCE	3	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916
LONG TERM DISABILITY	4	294	336	336	420	420	504	672
TOTAL BENEFITS		5,824	6,163	6,159	6,717	6,775	7,358	8,719

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Recommended Minimums — Based on Averages
Full Time Pastors — Small Cities (Population 2,500-9,999)

RESIDENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		1-99	100-199	200-299	300-399	500-799	800-1,199	1200-1499
MINISTRY EXPERIENCE								
TRAVEL		2,811	3,319	3,336	3,913	4,399	5,291	6,411
CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES		745	791	829	841	895	906	1,167
BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, & OTHER		335	425	465	439	529	561	653
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSE		3,891	4,535	4,630	5,253	5,823	6,788	8,231
DIRECT INCOME								
BASE SUPPORT		11,531	13,531	15,110	16,866	19,603	24,986	27,946
HOUSING		4,741	5,784	6,147	6,221	7,299	7,394	8,132
UTILITIES AND UPKEEP		1,500	1,500	2,799	2,876	2,991	3,109	3,147
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET	1	1,599	1,603	1,803	2,005	2,068	2,179	3,064
TOTAL DIRECT INCOME		19,371	22,418	25,859	27,968	31,961	37,668	42,289
BENEFITS								
RETIREMENT	2	2,218	2,449	2,445	2,853	2,911	3,344	4,471
LIFE INSURANCE		396	462	462	528	528	594	660
MEDICAL INSURANCE	3	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916
LONG TERM DISABILITY	4	294	336	336	420	420	504	672
TOTAL BENEFITS		5,824	6,163	6,159	6,717	6,775	7,358	8,719

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CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES		758	830	847	891	903	919	1,175
BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, & OTHER		361	489	498	543	588	593	667
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSE		4,068	4,693	4,759	5,428	6,006	6,918	8,425
DIRECT INCOME								
BASE SUPPORT		12,006	14,517	16,430	17,464	19,711	25,000	28,004
HOUSING		4,810	5,530	6,149	6,676	7,341	7,413	8,137
UTILITIES AND UPKEEP		1,525	2,254	2,801	2,879	3,004	3,125	3,209
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET	1	1,641	1,675	1,810	2,020	2,075	2,199	3,098
TOTAL DIRECT INCOME		19,982	23,976	27,190	29,039	32,131	37,737	42,448
BENEFITS								
RETIREMENT	2	2,218	2,449	2,445	2,853	2,911	3,344	4,471
LIFE INSURANCE		396	462	462	528	528	594	660
MEDICAL INSURANCE	3	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916
LONG TERM DISABILITY	4	294	336	336	420	420	504	672
TOTAL BENEFITS		5,824	6,163	6,159	6,717	6,775	7,358	8,719

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MINISTRY EXPERIENCE									
TRAVEL		3,184	3,391	3,436	3,996	4,561	5,467	6,611	7,500
CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES		758	914	924	931	933	949	1,195	2,198
BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, & OTHER		365	489	499	581	604	633	695	799
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSE		4,307	4,794	4,859	5,508	6,098	7,049	8,501	10,497
DIRECT INCOME									
BASE SUPPORT		14,511	16,430	17,464	19,731	25,011	28,100	30,000	32,000
HOUSING		5,301	6,149	6,689	7,398	7,563	8,137	8,141	8,206
UTILITIES AND UPKEEP		1,525	2,801	2,811	3,019	3,154	3,220	3,299	3,311
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET	1	1,785	1,823	2,040	2,161	2,200	3,109	3,110	4,006
TOTAL DIRECT INCOME		23,222	27,203	29,104	32,309	37,928	42,557	44,550	47,523
BENEFITS									
RETIREMENT	2	2,621	2,824	3,005	3,100	3,300	3,433	3,895	4,572
LIFE INSURANCE		462	528	528	561	594	594	660	660
MEDICAL INSURANCE	3	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916	2,916
LONG TERM DISABILITY	4	378	420	441	491	504	504	588	714
TOTAL BENEFITS		6,377	6,758	6,890	7,068	7,314	7,447	8,059	8,862

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Summary of February 1990 Summary School Lessons



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor

Our study of the Gospel of John continues this month with the approach of the time of Jesus' death. The first lesson taken from John 12 is titled "Acceptance and Rejection." These are the choices that faced the people in Jesus' time on earth, and that we face everyday. Will we accept or reject the unmerited favor, the gift of eternal life that Jesus invites us to take?

The printed text omits the anointing of Jesus in Bethany and His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus was now instructing the disciples about His impending death, but they were having problems with what Our Lord was trying to tell them. Jesus permitted Mary to anoint Him saying that this was in preparation for His burial (12:7). The day after the anointing Jesus entered Jerusalem on an ass and was jubilantly greeted by the people. Many of the people came out of curiosity to see this man Jesus who they had heard raised Lazarus from the dead. They came not because they believed but to see what they could see. In the midst of the celebration, the Pharisees were upset. After all, they were the leaders, the ones in charge. Now this man, the son of a carpenter, from Nazareth of all places, was causing a great commotion. They perceived that their power had slipped away. You see man-made power is only temporary; but when God gives you power it lasts forever. Just like most of us who have held positions, when things start to change, we feel threatened, so did the Pharisees. And just like us they started to exaggerate, "... behold the whole world is gone after him" (12:19).

Many Greeks had converted to Judaism and were in Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. Some who had heard of Jesus came seeking Him. These men came to Philip to find Jesus. Why Philip? Philip had a Greek name; it was familiar to them. These men could have come to Jesus on their own, but they sought the familiar to direct them. How many of us seek direction from our friends? How many of us were brought to the Lord by our family or friends? Philip and Andrew went to Jesus and told Him of the Greeks seeking Him. We don't know whether they ever had an audience with the Lord but we do know that Jesus addressed their needs. His message is intended for all the world. Jesus taught about His coming death and what that would mean for the world. Jesus also instructed us in the meaning of true discipleship. His message would be accepted by some and rejected by many. Still Jesus lovingly invites, "Whosoever will, let him come."

Jesus was troubled as He faced what lay ahead. In His hour of trouble, though, Jesus sought strength from **The Source** of all our needs, **The Father.** In His time of agony, Jesus yielded to the Father. Jesus knew that what was to come in "this hour" (v. 27) was the very purpose of His coming to earth. Jesus remained committed and sought only to glorify the Father. The Father responded to His Son in one of three episodes in the New Testament of the voice from heaven being heard by men. This response was intended for those around Jesus, to affirm for them that Jesus is Messiah. The crowds, and even the disciples were having a problem with how Jesus could be Messiah when He spoke of being lifted up. They had a picture in their minds that Messiah would be a political king who would free them from the Romans and reign forever.

Despite the disquieting among the people and their questions, Jesus responded to them with what they needed to hear. In verse 32 Jesus again speaks of the manner of His death, but He also tells of the result of His obedience to the cross. Jesus had taught earlier, "I am the Light of the world." Now Our Lord says to go about and learn all that you can and be about the Father's business while the Light is with you, because the time is approaching when the Light would no longer be in their midst. To us this verse says study and be obedient to the teachings of Jesus so that when Satan's darkness comes you will be dressed in the whole armour of the Lord.

Lesson 2 takes us to the opening passages in John's Gospel known as the Upper Room Discourse. In the opening verses Jesus and the twelve are in the Upper Room where they shared their last meal before Jesus' death. In verses 1-3 John gives a detailed picture of what Jesus in His omniscience knew was about to happen. And then, Jesus demonstrated what His followers must do. The example Jesus set in this passage was not so much in the act itself as in what the act represented. Jesus, the Son of God, began to wash His disciples' feet!

No one said anything as the Savior washed their dusty feet (remember, this was a dry land, and the foot attire of the day was sandals). Then there was Peter. Peter was a fireball. He jumped into every situation with both feet and his mouth full steam ahead. When the Lord came to Peter, Peter was in shock. "Lord, you're not washing my feet?" And the Lord admonished Peter, "You don't understand now, Peter, but you will in time." Peter, still at full speed, wanted no part of his Master washing his feet. Jesus then laid it out, "Peter, if I don't wash your feet you have no part in Me." And with just as much fervor as he resisted, Peter was now willing to submit to having not only his feet washed, but his head and hands as well. Peter loved the Lord; he was just a diamond in the rough. The Lord was polishing Peter. Jesus loves us and will work on us too. Just as Jesus knew what Peter could be, He knows what we can be if we will yield to His polishing.

In response to Peter's statement to wash not only his feet but his hands and head also, Jesus told the disciples that those who are washed need only to wash their feet, for the rest is clean. They were clean, but not all of them. Jesus was using symbols of the day to address a spiritual truth. If you have been washed by the Savior, you are saved, but you must be washed daily because you will encounter sin along the way. We have to be forgiven for our daily sins. Verse 10b addresses the disciples. Not everyone in the group had been regenerated. Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him.

In verses 12-17 Jesus explains His washing their feet. This was a precious, intimate time for Jesus and the twelve, and Jesus had some final teachings to give these His chosen. The hour was approaching when He would fulfill His purpose for coming to earth and would no longer walk with them. Jesus wanted the disciples to understand that He is Master and Lord, and they were correct in using those names for Him. But if as such He washed their feet, the function of a servant, they too must be willing to serve. He who would be leader must be the first to serve. Jesus is our Lord and we must follow the example He set for us. Are you willing to deny yourself to serve in the Name of the Lord?

The closing verses of our lesson focus on Judas Iscariot. Judas had walked with Jesus for 3 years. He had been taught just as the others. And even now, Judas was participating in a most intimate time with the Lord. Jesus told the group "one of you will betray Me." Jesus had told them over a year ago that one among them was a devil (John 6:70-71), but not until now did they seek to identify the betrayer. Jesus identified Judas (vv. 26-27). And still the discipled did not understand. Their humanness, their spiritual immaturity prevented them from accepting what Jesus had been telling them all along. Judas had the opportunity to forsake the worldly way. He chose not to. What choice will you make today?

The third lesson continues with the intimate last hours the disciples spent with Our Lord before the mock trials and crucifixion. Judas Iscariot has departed. Jesus tells the group that the Father will be glorified and so will He because the hour, the reason for His coming to earth is here. Jesus lovingly gathers the eleven around Him and gives some final instruction. The Lord gives a new commandment. He also tells the disciples that in a little while He will depart from their midst and where He is going they cannot come. The command Jesus gives is the sign by which all of His disciples are known, "love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (vv. 34-35). Peter in his fervent love for the Lord continues to speak first and think later. He wants to know where the Lord is going that he cannot go, and insists he will lay down his life for the Lord. Jesus now spells out the details for Peter. He says, "You cannot go where I go now, but you will follow afterward. And not only that, before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times."

Jesus knew the pain His disciples were feeling and what lay ahead in the coming days. Our printed text is the Lord's response to their agony and any agony we may encounter. "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me" (14:1). The disciples were still groping with their limitations. Thomas spoke this time voicing the question, "How can we know the way when we don't know where you are going?" Jesus' response is our road map and throughout the centuries it is still accurate, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (v. 6). Jesus is all we need.

The disciples had a limited grasp here; they were still trying to understand even after 3 years with the Lord. This limited understanding prompted Philip's request, "Show us the Father" (v. 8). They still did not get the picture — Jesus is God. This must have been frustrating for the Lord, but He didn't give up. He continued to direct them. Verses 9-11 gives Jesus' answer. Earlier Jesus had told the Jewish leaders if you cannot believe me, believe for my works' sake. Jesus now says the same thing to the disciples. Jesus goes on to tell the disciples that if they believe His promises then they will continue the work He started, and perform greater works. Jesus offers them additional comfort when He assures them that if they pray in faith, their prayers will be answered.

The last lesson for February is entitled, "Promise of the Spirit." This lesson tells us more of Jesus' love and concern for us. Jesus knew the pain His disciples were feeling as He unfolded the facts of His death to them. Last week He encouraged them, "Let not your hearts be troubled . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I go ye may be also" (14:1-3).

Jesus had been demonstrating love throughout His ministry. Now He challenged the disciples to do the same, "If you love me keep my commandments" (14:15). He assured them that He would ask the Father and the Father would send another Comforter to be with them forever. The Spirit of God would dwell in them. Jesus knew the world could not receive the Holy Spirit just as they could not receive the Light, Jesus, as He walked in the midst of their spiritual darkness. In verses 18 and 19 Jesus promises that the disciples will not be without comfort. Think about what is happening here! Jesus is facing the darkest hour of His earthly ministry and He is comforting His disciples rather than they trying to comfort Him. What love! In our darkest hour, Jesus has not left us comfortless. He is with us always.

Jesus is also telling His disciples that He would come to them after the resurrection. The world would not see Him but they would. The Lord

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also assures them that they would have life because of what He would accomplish through His death. Verse 20 is a prophecy of Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit comes to them their eyes would be opened and things they could understand now would be clear to them. In verses 21-24, Our Lord continues instructing the disciples. Jesus tells them that love and obedience go hand in hand. And if we love Him as demonstrated by our obedience to His commandments, we will also be loved by the Father. If we are obedient Jesus will reveal Himself to us. On the other hand, those who don't love will not obey Jesus' teachings and that equals rejecting Jesus, which equals rejecting the Father Who sent Jesus. Remember Jesus told us "I and My Father are one" (10:30).

Verses 25-26 are a summary and still further assurance. Jesus taught the disciples many things during His earthly ministry. The Holy Ghost would be sent by the Father at Jesus' request to help them remember what they had learned. It would be the Holy Ghost Who would help the disciples understand what was happening in their lives. In closing Jesus made a bequest to His disciples, a bequest that reaches down through all generations even to us today. Jesus gives us peace, a peace that passes all understanding. This peace empowers us so that our hearts will not be troubled or afraid. Jesus gives us peace so that when all seems lost, we have the victory in Him. Jesus is faithful to His promise.

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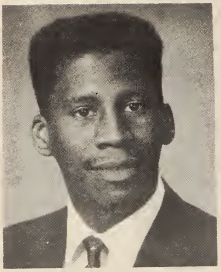
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Rev. Richard Wimberley

Wimberley Joins Staff Of Life Enrichment Center As Pastoral Counselor

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

The Triangle area has a greater resource for those struggling with depression, marital conflicts, and the constant struggle against the difficulties of life. The Life Enrichment Center, a Raleigh pastoral counseling center which has been serving black clients, now expects to work more effectively with the black community by hiring a black pastoral counselor — Richard E. Wimberley III.

Mr. Wimberley, who holds a bachelor degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a Master of Divinity from Duke University School, is a native of Raleigh.

"We are really pleased with our decision to hire Richard, he brings a lot of strong skills to our program," says Rev. Charles Van Wagner, the executive director of the LEC.

Rev. David Forbes, the pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church and members of the LEC Search Committee that interviewed Mr. Wimberley, says, "I am impressed with Richard's talent and interest in the ministry of pastoral counseling. I think he will do an excellent job."

The Life Enrichment Center is a pastoral counseling center accredited by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Pastoral counseling is a combination of the pastoral ministry of the Church and counseling. The staff of the LEC consists of ordained ministers, both male and female, of several different denominations. Along with their theological training and ordination, the counselors have been through rigorous training in psychology and counseling.

Counseling is available at the LEC on a sliding fee scale based on the client's income. This sliding scale is possible through contributions from area churches, individuals and the United Way.

Counseling has always been an integral part of pastoral care. However in the 20th century, as the practice of psychology has grown, so has the information available for pastors in the area of counseling. Unfortunately so much of the pastor's role has grown in this age of information, and the duties of the pastorship have outstripped the time and resources available to a lone minister. Pastoral counseling, done by specialized ordained ministers, provides the indepth counseling that many pastors today haven't the time to provide.

Although pastoral counseling has been a vital part of pastoral care in the white community, the field of specialized pastoral counseling is just coming into its own in the black community. Traditionally the black pastor has been a strong leader who has carried much of the load of ministry alone. As the ministry of pastoral counseling grows in the black community, the work of the black pastor can be supported and increased. With the addition of Mr. Wimberley to its staff the Life Enrichment Center is on the cutting edge of this movement.

Dr. Gregory Headen, the Provost of the Shaw University Divinity School, the chairman of the LEC Steering Committee, and a strong advocate the ministry of pastoral counseling maintains, "While the black pastor has always been a counselor, the complexity of our society increases the need for more in-depth counseling in the black community. Black pastors increasingly need to refer clients to professional counselors who also have an appreciation for the black religious experience."

In an effort to establish stronger ties with the black community the LEC began a project that has included two main goals: (1) to more deeply involve the black community in the ministry of pastoral counseling, (2) to hire a black pastoral counselor. With the help of the United Way of Wake County, the LEC along with a panel of local black ministers began implementing programs in the black community, and searching for a counselor. The search for a counselor was long and thorough and the LEC hopes that with the addition of Mr. Wimberley to its staff its program can begin running at full speed.

The project has been greatly augmented by the efforts of a steering committee made up of local black pastors. The steering committee helped to select the counselor and has continued to provide support and guidance for the project to enhance pastoral counseling in the black community.

A leading member of the LEC steering committee, Rev. George Hawkins, the pastor of Laodicea United Church of Christ, commends the recent hiring, "I am glad Richard is on board now we can begin bringing this much needed ministry to the black community as a whole and as an additional support for parish pastors."

The Life Enrichment Center is presently located at 6685 Falls of the Neuse Road. The phone number is 919/847-1744.



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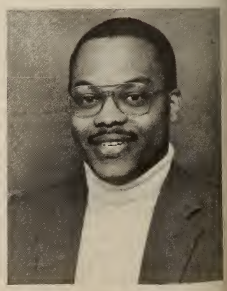
WAKE FOREST, NC — Rev. Michael R. Smith Sr. of Raleigh received the Master's of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during Commencement Exercises on December 16, 1989.

Smith is the son of Wade and Marceline Smith who reside at 322 E. Davie St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601.

Smith, is a graduate of Jesse O. Sanderson Sr. High School and Fayetteville State University.

Smith is married to Elouise Payton-Smith, of Wilson, N.C.

Smith is now Clinical Chaplain at Central Prison and Associate Minister at Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.



Rev. Michael R. Smith

Baptist Leaders Set Tone For King Holiday

By Bruce Lightner, Raleigh, N.C.

While Martin King's appeal and impact greatly transcended denominational lines, the fact remains, his development, nurturing and advocacy was deeply rooted in the Baptist church.

Few will argue or dispute King's influence on the social order during his lifetime. Even today, 22 years after his tragic death, the power and legacy of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. remains a vivid example of Christian doctrine and social responsibility.

Throughout the evolution of the King Holiday, from 1972 when intense lobbying began, to 1986 when the United States Congress passed Public Law 98-144, to the present, baptist ministers continue to provide leadership through example.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, pastor of First West Baptist Church in Charlotte, and President of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, also ably serves as Chairman of The North Carolina Martin Luther King Holiday Commission. This statewide commission, created by executive order by Governor James G. Martin in 1987 is charged with the responsibility of planning, advising, recommending and funding appropriate statewide holiday activities.

Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, and Vice President At-Large of the Baptist Convention also serves as Co-Chair of the Raleigh Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, Inc. The Raleigh Committee, is widely recognized as on one of the state's most active King Holiday groups continues to sponsor outstanding memorial observances.

At 12 noon on Monday, January 15, 1990, Dr. Lewis and Dr. Humphrey conducted the official unveiling of a 6 foot bronze statue of Dr. King at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center. The statue, reportedly the only public replica of Dr. King dressed in his ministerial robe, was created by internationally award winning sculptor Abbe Godwin of Colfax, North Carolina. The King statue will be placed in **The North Carolina Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens.** The $180,000 gardens will become the nation's only community subsidized park dedicated solely to the memory of the slained civil rights leader.

The half acre King Gardens is expected to attract 10,000 or more people annually from across the state. Construction of the facility is now underway with formal dedication ceremonies set for April 4, 1990, the 22nd anniversary of King's death.

Dr. Proctor Delivers Message On King Overcoming Evil

By Dr. Albert Jabs, Contributing Editor

When Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, former minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York, opened the 1990s and the MLK Great Issue Series at Shaw University, he gave a prophetic message on the gospel and the trust that Martin Luther King had in Jesus Christ in overcoming evil.

The 68-year-old preacher recounted his experiences both personally and professionally with King. Dr. Proctor related how Dr. "Daddy" King, the visitors to the King household, the Morehouse connection, Dr. Davis (a professor at Crozier) and his advice for young Martin to matriculate at Boston University were strong links in the building of King's eloquence and power of persuasion.

The former North Carolina A&T president stated that King had a reverence for the text, thinking and the thought of great minds. He cited one example of how, during the Montgomery bus boycott, young Martin was up at 3 a.m. reading Paul Tillich's seminal work, "Courage To Be." But this aristocracy of the mind and spirit had been nourished at the spiritual wells found in the King household and Morehouse College where giant minds roamed like Mordecai Johnson, Ben Mayes and Howard Thurman.

Although the civil rights leadership role fell on the youthful Dr. King by default, according to Proctor, the Georgia Baptist preacher had prepared himself by conversing and studying with the great minds of the past and present. So what the world saw in the 1950s and 1960s in the man, motive, method and message of MLK was the accumulation of a river of intellectual and spiritual wealth that moved into an "Amos"-like rushing stream and a waterfall of justice.

Dr. Proctor was quick to say that MLK did not walk on water and was human like the rest of us, but that he was allowed to go much further than most of us in the cause of justice. Moreover, the message of the man has taken on the "Walls" of Europe, and like in the time of Jericho, or Thurgood Marshall in 1954, the walls came tumbling down.

By choosing the moral, high ground, King won a moral and political victory; more importantly, a legacy of nonviolence was injected into the world itself. In a world faced with growing ecological problems and potential conflicts, the way of nonviolence is not only an attractive option, but the only one. Dr. Samuel Proctor gave a prophetic message and summarized his interesting talk on MLK by stating his own trust — as Dr. King — in the way of Jesus Christ — as the way, the truth, and the life even in a world of ecological violence, obscene phone messages, persecutions, injustice and loneliness. It was good to be there.

Evangelism Committee Announces 1990 Conference

By Dr. A.L. Jinwright
Evangelism Committee Chairman

Plans have been finalized for the 1990 Statewide Evangelism Conference. The conference will be held March 12-15, 1990, at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. The dates for the conference have been changed, PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE NEW DATES.

The committee has outlined an outstanding program. The theme for the conference is: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task: Evangelism in the Valley of Decision" Joel 3:14.

The conference preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jasper Williams, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Registration will begin at 12 noon, $100.00 per church, $5.00 personal registration.

The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a local welcome program and "Conference Musical." All pastors are asked to attend and bring messengers from their churches. The remaining program will feature lectures, evangelistic workshops, and sermons. Mark your calendars for March 12-15, 1990.

PLAN TO ATTEND
Statewide Evangelism Conference
March 12-15, 1990
Salem Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

Gary's Pledge $1 Million To Shaw

By Dr. Ronald Swain
Vice President of Development

Shaw University's Trustee Board Chairman, Attorney Willie E. Gary and his wife, Dr. Gloria R. Gary, pledged $1 million to their alma mater during the homecoming celebration. With an initial gift of $100,000 presented to President Talbert O. Shaw at the Alumni Banquet, Attorney and Mrs. Gary's commitment is one of the largest ever given to the University by a single donor.

The gift is another tangible sign of a new day under the inspired leadership of Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, now beginning his third year as president of the institution.

Gary founded his own law firm in Stuart, Fla., Gary, Williams & Parenti, where he has established a national reputation as a successful trial lawyer. He is frequently in demand at Bar Association Conventions as a teaching attorney with demonstrations of his expertise.

Mrs. Gary, who holds an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from her alma mater, is now chief executive officer of Gary Enterprises, a real estate and management corporation.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE



Dr. C.R. Edwards

Dr. C.R. Edwards Announces Retirement

By Archie D. Logan, Editor

Dr. C.R. Edwards, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville for the past 37 years, announced to the congregation his retirement as Pastor of First Baptist Church to become effective April 15, 1990.

Dr. Edwards is a past president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and has also served on the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. He continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of Shaw University, the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina, and in the North Carolina General Assembly.

In his letter to the congregation on Sunday, December 10, 1989, Dr. Edwards "thanked the church for loving him and his family for 37 years and giving him the opportunity to serve our denomination on local, state, national and international levels in several capacities. Beyond that," he continued, "you have permitted and encouraged me to serve as a community worker and public servant." He stated that he makes the decision "with mixed feelings and few regrets," and plans "to move on to serve God in other ministries."

Dr. Edwards is one of the most prominent African American leaders to serve in North Carolina the past four decades.

PLAN TO ATTEND

1990 Congress Christian Education,
1st Baptist Church, February 10, 1990
Raleigh, NC
1990 Usher's Convention, One Day Session,
February 24, 1990, Fayetteville, NC

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Groundbreaking and Site Dedication Services were held recently for the construction of Saint John Baptist Church II. The pastor, Dr. John D. McDonald Sr., announces that construction has begun on the first phase of the edifice at 1043 Sowers Street, Statesville, N.C.

The church's first service was held in December, 1988 and one year later groundbreaking services were held and construction is well on the way. Dr. McDonald states, "God is good, has all power and with God all things are possible."



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Preaching With Power

Sermon of the Month

Christian Relationships Between Parents And Children In The Black Church

Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 22:6

A. PARENTS ROLE
1. Correct — Discipline
2. Direct — Coach
3. Accept — Friend

B. CHILD'S ROLE
1. Submit — Obey
2. Listen — Understand
3. Rest — Peace

**By Rev. Ricky A. Woods, Pastor,
Mount Sinai Baptist Church,
Durham, N.C.**

In this sermon, I will attempt to address children. The biblical basis for this sermon is found in the old testament book of Proverbs and in the new testament book of Ephesians. One thought must be made clear at the start, and that is that we accept the fact that Jesus Christ changes how we interact in our relationships with people. If our behavior has not been changed from how we related prior to our confession of Him versus how we relate after receiving Him as Lord, something is terribly wrong. Because when Jesus changes someone or delivers someone, He first sends that changed person back to the closest people who knew them before the change. The demonic man in the tombs, the woman at the well, the young man raised from the dead during the funeral procession. Therefore, Christ should have an effect on our relationship, not only with our brother's and sister's in the faith, but with our children as well. I want to divide this sermon into two parts. First, addressing parents and secondly, addressing children. What is the parent's role in this new relationship where Christ is the center?

Proverbs 22:6 gives us some insight. The first thing it mentions is to train up a child. The Hebrew word for train implies not to just teach, but rather to correct and direct. Let us address each of these separately. The parents role is first to correct the child which in itself implies discipline. A further word study reveals that discipline does not mean to punish. Instead, discipline means to establish boundaries for someone who is unable to establish boundaries for themselves. All biblical training starts with correcting. Obedience is not something we are born with but something we learn through suffering. Therefore correction is needed to establish a path of obedience. And that correction consists of establishing limitations and boundaries in which a child is able to develop and grow. Without those limitations, that child which has the possibilities of being a beautiful garden will become a grudy weed patch.

Secondly, the writer of Proverbs tells us training means directing. In this role, the parent is no longer a disciplinarian, but rather a coach. The parent must know, through the power of the Holy Spirit, when to stop correcting and start directing. To only correct and never direct becomes an abuse of the delegate authority God has given parents and then starts to discourage children as opposing to encouraging. A coach only instructs his players in what to do, allowing them to use their natural talents to achieve the goal. Directing means pointing children to goals and objectives in life with the parent's own life as an example to follow and a model. The first thing every parent should do in this role is to direct their children to the Christ and commitment to Him. The "correction" a child may forget, but the coaching and directing he will never forget "when he is old" say's the text. He will never forget how to ride the bicycle, how to pray, how to love God, if a parent will provide direction. They will always remember the coach.

Thirdly, the last role of the parent is one which may be the most difficult, yet implied in the text, and that is to accept. After correcting and coaching, then accept the child that merges from that relationship. How is "accept" in the text? you ask. The "c" section — he will not depart. . .This speaks of friend. A friend who accepts you for who you are and what the Lord has done with that which was submitted to Him. A friend will never depart as long as he/she is assured of acceptance. And God accepts us just as we are after the correcting and directing. He states that He will be a friend that sticks closer than a brother, who will never leave us alone. Accept the child that God gives you and decide to be his/her friend.

Now to address the role of children and their relationship to parents. May we examine Ephesians 6:1-4.

The first role of the child is to obey, which means to submit. The text informs us that obedience is not dependent upon understanding, but to do so because it is right. The greatest of God's demands upon man is not cross bearing nor witnessing, etc. . .But to obey Him. Obedience alone is absolutely honoring to God, for it takes God's will as it's center. Why is it right for children to obey parents? Because parents represent the authority of God in the life of a child. They are God's delegated authority. Therefore, to rebel against parents is actually to rebel against God, Himself. Obedience is one of the ways children can reflect the influence of Christ in their life. Because He was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross because it was the Father's plan. By learning how to submit to our parents and obey them, children learn how to submit to God and obey Him. Children who are constantly rebelling against the authority of their parents will become adults who rebel against the authority of God. The sooner one learns the lesson of submission, the easier and more joyful life will become.

The second role of children is that of listening. The word honor in verse 2 also means to listen to those in authority. To accept their counsel and not to shone it. Proverbs 1:7,8 states fools despise wisdom and instruction.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother. While the second role of the parent is directing or coaching, it is the child's job to listen to the directing in order to obtain understanding. By listening, many pitfalls and snares can be avoided. Learning to listen to parents will make learning to listen to God much easier.

Finally, the last role of the child is to rest — thou mayest live long on the earth, which implies peace with self, with God, with parents; no wall, no friction, no divider, no barriers. For Christ will have broken down all barriers and grant the peace that passes all understanding.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

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8	Palm Sunday
12-15	Easter Recess Shaw Divinity
13	Good Friday
14	Vacation bible School Clinic, (Place to be announced)
15	Ester Sunday
21	Divinity School Exams and Registration for Summer School
21	Divinity School Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees
28	Laymen's Fellowship and One-Day Session St. James, Rocky Mt.
28	Shaw Divinity School Graduation Convocation Raleigh, NC
28	Laymen League's One Day Session St. James, Rocky Mount, NC
	MAY 1990
5	Divinity School Summer School begins
5	Ministers' Wives Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC
6-13	Christian Home and Family Week
9-10	General Baptist State Convention Mid-Year Session (Place to be announced)
12	Shaw University, Commencement Convocation
13	MOTHER'S DAY
26	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
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Keynote speakers for the conference are: Dr. David T. Shannon, Atlanta Georgia; Dr. John W. Kenney, Professor at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia; and, Dr. E.D. McReary, Conference Preacher, Pastor Emeritus, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

For Further Information Call 832-1701

"When Learning Ceases, Dying Comes." "There Arose Another Generation. . . Which Knew Not the Lord. . ."

By Augusta White, Associate Editor

A great crowd from across North Carolina filed into the Civic Center in Raleigh, January 13, 1990, for the 37th Annual One-Day Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Eva Johnson, newly elected president, **presided** over the session.

The tone for the session was set by a soul stirring **devotional period led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson,** state Worship Chairperson. Meditational excerpts were given by Mrs. Lucy Gray. "Nothing can happen until we get on one accord. We must have love and peace in our hearts to be on one accord."

Presidential moments. "As I greet you this morning, my heart overflows with happiness. This is the first time I have had this golden opportunity in this capacity. We have come a long way and we owe it to our Saviour. Thank God for another decade. God is good and is worthy of our praise."

Reflections: "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." "We pause to honor the memory of a great Civil Rights Leader. Martin Luther King speaks to us today. Both Martin Luther and Moses had mountain top experiences. Moses looked over the things, but he was not able to reach the promise land. Martin Luther King was chosen as Moses to lead us out of bondage. He did not live long enough to see the promise land, but he speaks to us today."

Greetings — Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, moderators, presidents of Unions, conventions and members of the Baptist Family.

Many thanks to you for the support and cooperation that you gave in making the recent annual banquet in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a big success. As we continue to move forward in this new year promoting the plans and programs of our convention, we need your prayers, cooperation and financial support for the objectives and other causes.

The heartbeat of the Christian church is missions, which is what the General Baptist State Convention is all about. The command of Jesus to the Christian Baptist church, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, is a command that will not let us rest, that will not let us be satisfied. It keeps prodding us on and on. Every Christian has a need to respond to the marching orders of Jesus.

It has been the tradition of our Missionary Baptist churches to provide an opportunity for church members to contribute a special mission offering on each Pastoral Sunday in keeping with the church covenant, which is to give to help spread the gospel into all the world. If each Missionary Baptist church would provide an opportunity for its members to give a mission offering, our convention would be in a position to do a bigger and better job in responding to the command of Jesus: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations!"

The church has a world-wide concern. According to the teaching of the New Testament, the church was born on the Day of Pentecost when the power of the Holy Ghost descended upon the waiting congregation and united people without reservation. In this new fellowship, young and old lived together without friction. Rich and poor were united without references to what they possessed, and there was a new kinship among the people of God which transcended misunderstanding.

Missionary Baptist Churches must be involved in comforting the wounded, leading the lost and helping the needy bear their cross. This is what mission is all about. The truth is, if ministers of the gospel would hold their peace and the tongues of the Christian people of God were hushed, God through nature will find a way to in-tune the message of salvation, and silent rocks will preach and lend their support to missions, sleeping stones will proclaim the eternal gospel, and the floods will clap their hands for joy.

The command of Jesus will not let us rest. It is our challenge to "Go ye therefore" and make friends for the kingdom. Because of an urgent need to support State missions and the other objectives monthly, each pastor is challenged to provide an opportunity for members to give a special offering for the cause of missions and Christian Education on each pastoral day or provide other way or ways to respond to the "Go ye" command of the gospel.

We strongly urge each pastor to send a part of his suggested quota monthly which will enable the General Baptist State Convention to meet its obligations and commitment to the objectives.

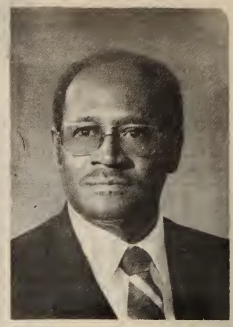
Baptist Beliefs in regard to Jesus Christ. . ."We believe that Jesus Christ is the central fact of the Christian faith, that the act of God in Christ was an act of redemption, and that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

We believe in the Jesus of history who went about doing good, that through his life and teachings he became a model of what life in the kingdom is like. In his life of fellowship, of service, and of spreading the good news of reconciliation and salvation he established a pattern for Christian living.

We further believe in the Christ of Experience, the spiritual Christ, who can possess us and help us move toward Christian maturity.

We also believe that Christ calls us to discipleship and to apostleship, to take on his yoke and learn of him, and to go forth as messengers of the good news which he brought to mankind.

Finally, we believe that Jesus Christ through his life, death and resurrection has shown us what God is like and what God wants us to become.



Dr. C.C. Craig

FOR PREACHERS & PASTORS

The Christian Funeral

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig

One thing should be made clear in discussing a Christian funeral. It is first and foremost a worship service.

Before dwelling on that emphasis, let us say a word about the role of the pastor for, as will be seen, it ties in with what we conceive to be a Christian funeral.

"The pastor" means shepherd. He is the one to feed and care for the flock as a preacher, teacher, leader and counselor. He is a sympathetic friend and a faithful servant to the church. "As we beseech you brethren to know them with labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you: and to esteem them highly in love for their work's sake" I Thess. 5:17.

Once a pastor is called and accepts a church, that church becomes his turf, his base of operation, and his major obligation. The pastor, once settled, has in his charge the welfare and the oversight of the church. Every aspect, every facet of church life is under his leadership in his domain. The educational, the mission, the worship and whatever other area operating under the umbrella of the church all are under the guidance and the supervision of the minister.

Since a Christian funeral is a worship service, when it is held in a church, the pastor is in charge. Let me repeat, the pastor is in charge.

Ordination is an acknowledgement that God has bestowed certain gifts and has called the individual to service. Ordination is an endorsement in the sight of a state of a minister's qualification to function in its behalf. The ordained minister can lawfully solemnize marriage, bury the dead, administer the ordinances and lay hands on the others which the unordained cannot lawfully and or legally do.[1]

No one except license ministers are authorized to preach funerals or conduct last rites and internment.[2]

Whenever a church member expires, the pastor should be notified immediately. The date and time for the final service of a deceased member should always be made in consultation with the pastor.

There must be some cooperation between the minister and the morticians. Much of the pre-funeral arrangements should be handled by the mortician. The minister, however, should be available for some counseling on preparation and on burial sites.

Part of the cooperation between minister and funeral director would be a clear understanding of their mutual responsibilities. The minis-

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(II Corinthians 6:7)

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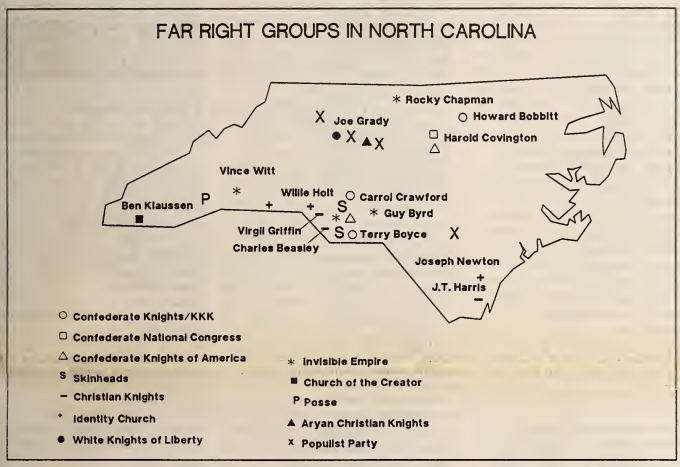
By
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Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



89 Reports On Hate Activity Shows Good, Bad News

(As Reported by "North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence")



North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence released its **1990 Report on Hate Activity and Bigoted Violence in North Carolina.**

"The year 1989 brought both good news and bad," explained Mab Segrest, Director of Research and Publications. "On the positive side, no longer did North Carolina head the nation in Klan activity and racist violence, as we had in 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1987. The number of hate incidents held steady at 51, the first year since 1985 that there was no increase. The annual Raleigh rally on January 1989 on Martin Luther King weekend drew such a poor showing that it was cancelled this year." On the other hand, according to the report, hate incidents remained high, and hate-violence spread to the Asian community. Neo-nazi Skinheads appeared for the first time in the state. Klan-nazi groups proliferated with no compelling leader, a void that made North Carolina "prime recruiting ground."

There were 51 violent or otherwise illegal incidents apparently motivated by bigotry and/or perpetrated by known members of hate groups. There were also 69 marches or other forms of legal organizing by Far Right groups.

The 51 incidents included:

1 death	11 assaults
16 acts of vandalism	12 threats
2 arsons	1 cross burning
4 fights/affrays	2 weapon charges
1 fraud	1 other

The 69 marches or other legal organizing included 40 recruitment marches by the Christian Knights. Last year, NCARRV recorded 55 such events, with 45 marches by the Christian Knights.
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The hottest spots in 1989 were urban centers: Wake (Raleigh), Guilford (Greensboro), Mecklenburg (Charlotte), Cumberland (Fayetteville), and New Hanover/Pender (Wilmington). Cabarrus, Sampson, Caldwell, and Harnett were rural counties with high levels of activity.

Wake County led the state with 8 illegal/violent incidents. The worst incident in the state was the death of Ming Hai Loo, killed in an attack by two white men that police called "racially motivated." Wake also saw three threats to black students at North Carolina Central, an interracial fight in Fuquay Varina, a bomb threat at the Civic Center, rumors of gang fights at a middle school that kept half the student body away, and hate messages affixed to merchandise in a Zebulon store. The Nationalist Movement held a march and rally at the capitol, and Harold Covington organized the Confederate National Congress/Confederate Knights of America from Raleigh, with a hate message playing on his phone machine.

This year's data continued to show a high correlation between extremist organizing and violence: Of the 24 counties experiencing violent/illegal incidents, only eight did not have constitutionally protected activity this year; and of those eight, only Watauga, Davidson, and Alamance did not have a Klan march last year. In many cases, the relationship between legal Klan presence and violence was very direct, when police arrested Klansmen for weapons at marches or when vandalism or threats happened on the heels of a Klan march.

Five of the incidents involved multiple targets. In Lenoir, vandals hit four businesses; in Mecklenburg, two black businesses and a community center were vandalized in one evening. In Greensboro, white assailants shot four blacks and two vehicles in a shooting spree in February, and in June four young black men were attacked in an apartment complex. In Henderson, four men thought to be involved in the Posse Comitatus were arrested for land fraud involving thirteen separate pieces of property.

The 51 incidents included 14 incidents with black victims (three of them multiple incidents, for a total of 24 people affected); nine had gay victims, and gay hot lines received over 650 harassing or threatening calls; seven were Jewish; five involved interracial fights (with three involving black response to racist white provocation); and one was Asian.

The year brought an unusually high number of cases in which black community people questioned police use of

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By Executive Secretary Brodie

Last month's session at the Raleigh Civic Center helped us to be reminded of our Christian mission. Through message, song, discussions, reports came the resounding truth that God loves and desires his people to love Him and those whom He loves and sends them out in missions to minister to the spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, social needs of people who have them. This month because of the many celebrated festivities in Agape, Love, emphasized. As we continue our journey into this New Year and another decade, let us continue in His Spirit of Love being kind, not seeking our own, rejoicing in the truth, and hoping all things.

A balance needed in order to realize our budget of $546,599.99 is $462,997.39. Thanks for what you have done and please continue to help us to manifest love in concrete terms to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions and State Missions, Baptist Assembly, and Central Children's Home.

Reminders

1. Persons who have not gotten their **self-denial** envelopes may write to the office of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

2. **Housing Applications** for the Woman's Convention in July, 1990, in Winston-Salem, are now available from the office.

3. **Tickets for the Pre-Convention Banquet in July** at $17.00 each may be secured from the office.

4. **Pre-Registration for the State-Wide Leaders' Workshop,** April 7, 1990, is $2.00.

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Washington, Shelby
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Mount Pleasant, Belmont
Zion Hill, Cherryville
Antioch, Charlotte
Ebenezer, Charlotte
First/West, Charlotte
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Salem, Charlotte
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District 3, Group 2
Gethsemane, Salisbury

District 4, Group 1
Mars Hill, Winston-Salem
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Union, Winston-Salem
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District 5, Group 1
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First, Wadesboro
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Saint Stephens, Rockingham
Solid Rock, Laurinburg
Elizabeth, Monroe
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Liberty Hill, Waxhaw
Mount Pisgah, Waxhaw
Nicey Grove, Wingate
Olive Branch, Marshville
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District 5, Group 2
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Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville
Mount Olive, Fayetteville
Second, Fayetteville
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Mount Pisgah, Raeford
Silver Grove, Raeford
First, Fairmont
First, Lumberton

District 6, Group 1
Sandy Run, Jacksonville
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District 6, Group 2
Cedar Grove, Supply
Friendship, Southport
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"When Learning Ceases"

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Convention, brought greetings. "I am delighted and pleased to greet you this morning in the name of the great Saviour. We are pleased with the work of this great Convention. I want to greet those persons elected and give you our help and support. The new theme is, 'The Challenge of the Unfinished Task In Christian Education.' I want to thank this Convention for your part in what you do in North Carolina."

Dr. Talbert O Shaw brought greetings from Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. "And the partnership continues. Without the partnership nothing could have been a success. With your help in nine months, we raised one million dollars which was matched by the Federal Government with three million dollars. Today we have a four million dollar endowment. For us to continue we must work together. Both schools continue to grow. When you write a check for the University you also write one for the Divinity School. The University borrowed the money to purchase the building for the Divinity School and we are looking to you to help us pay it off. Regardless of the voice around us we can hear the voice of God. May God continue to shower blessings on you."

Songspiration was led by Waverly Camp with Mrs. Alice Green at the piano.

The theme discussion was presented by Ms. Annie Bowers a returned missionary representing the Foreign Mission objective and Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, a past president and Director of the Young Adult Department, State Missions.

Ms. Bowers stated that when we think of teaching we think of giving instruction. We go to great lengths to get instructions for ourselves and our children. Parents do all they can to get things for their children to excel in education, but what about our spiritual lives? Don't we need spiritual training? Who will teach us about the faith that is needed? The commission is to go and teach. The Convention sends out well trained people to go out and teach others. We must be willing to answer the call "Lord I'll Go."

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels — "A new year and a new decade are exciting, but sombering changes in human relations confront us daily. Christians are called to more serious prayer and searching of the scripture. We may think and talk about these things, but we need to know how they affect us today. Every group in this Convention must ask anew what is the reason for doing. Do we fail to show any growth in God's plan? The Christian life depends on God and mission depends on God. We must help missionaries to grow spiritually. Experience is the best teacher. The challenge to the missionary is to respond to God's redemption on earth:

1. for growing in power
2. for increasing knowledge
3. for extending our ministry."

"He's sweet I know, He's sweet I know. Dark clouds may rise and strong winds may blow, but I'll tell the world where'-eer I go, I have found a Savior, He's sweet I know."

Mrs. Johnson presented **Dr. S.T. Churn,** Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem **to lead the Bible Study —** Judges 2:6-11.

"The battle had been fought, Joshua had led the people across the stormy Jordan and they were marching and singing for seven days and the walls came tumbling down. Joshua was able to dismiss the army and send them to their various places. Here they are in the 'promise land.' They have come over the way that with tears have been watered. When I think about us, we have come a long ways. We were not even thought of as having a soul, not permitted to read and write. We have not gotten here by accident but by hard work, trials and tribulations. Just think today we have black mayors in some of our major cities. That state that tried to keep us down is getting ready today to inaugurate a black Governor. One of these days we are going 'to walk in Jerusalem Just Like John.' We have a problem; the black males between 15-44 are becoming extinct and our young girls are having babies; our young people are letting drugs lead them astray. Here we are in the promise land, but something is wrong. Something has gone sour. The people of Israel got to the promise land because they had someone like Joshua who knew something about the Lord. They came to know that the 'Lord will make a way some how.' Joshua lived to be a 110 yrs. old and he passed on. They failed to pass on their secret of success. We too fail to pass on our secrets of success.

"I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love, I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true, it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story! Twill be my theme in glory — To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

Recognition was given to A-1's and Lydia Circles by President Johnson and Executive Secretary Brodie.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Dr. Brodie stated, "It's good to see so many of you present on such a beautiful day. The **Helpers** are at the printer's, and as soon as we receive them they will be sent to you. Thank you for what you have done to support financially and spiritually our Convention." The progress report for September-November 30 (3 months) was given by Dr. Brodie. The budget is $546,599.99. "For the three months you have sent to the office $65,138.00 — Needed to reach the budget, $481,461.99. Dr. Brodie ended her remarks by leading the congregation in singing, "We Shall Overcome."

Department Highlights. Mrs. Colene Stanley, Young Adult Director. "This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it." "Today we have crossed another bridge; Christ in Every Home through education, mission and our Christian lives. The challenge to the Young Adult is to be more and more like Jesus."

Mrs. Barbara T. Hewett, Youth Supervisor — "You have given us a large number of youth today. I challenge you to continue to do a good job and work on with our youth."

Dr. C.C. Craig presented **Dr. L.J. Parker,** Pastor, St. Luke, Charlotte, **for the sermon.**

"Ever learning, ever coming to the knowledge of truth — some of our leaders forget about the Lord and say "Me." they say, "me, myself and I." They are so busy conveting what someone else has. They accuse you of stealing their church members, accuse you of giving more money in Church to show off. You need the Lord always on your side. God is too big for us to monopolize. There is enough of God for all of us. When learning ceases, dying comes. It's sad when we feel we can't learn because we know it all. They learn in the automotive world and medicine, but they still need to learn how to love each other. We can learn about outer space, but we have not learned how to treat those persons next door. We are constantly learning in the field of education, but we have not learned that Jesus lives and He is the same today as yesterday. Man is constantly wanting to know more except when it comes to the Lord. We have not learned that God is going to have the last word. He will not allow you to go to hell, but He gives you a chance to learn the wages of sin is death. God is not only a God of yesterday, but He is a God of today. You need to learn how to "Lean and Depend on Jesus." We sing "You Can't beat God giving," but we don't try. "When Peace Like a River attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well with my soul."

The special selections "The Storm Is Passing Over" and "I am Blessed Better than Blessed" were done by the choir from **St. Luke Baptist Church, Charlotte.**

Benediction was given by **Dr. L.D. Parker.**

97th Birthday Celebration

(An Interview With Mrs. Linney)

Mrs. Lona Bell Little Linney born December 25th 1892: Near Barretts Mountain; 8 miles west of Taylorsville, N.C. in Alexander County. She received her education at Bells School. At that time schools had not been consolidated. "Each community had its own one or two room schools. It went to the 7th grade; then you were prepared to go to State Normal; like what we call college now. I got to the 5th grade. We had 4 books we studied from — The Reader, Speller, Arithmetic, and Geography. We had to be able to memorize everything in our books, before we pass to another grade."

She can recall many changes and things happening through the years. The sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912. "It was said to be unsinkable. I remember so well; that the band was playing 'Near're My God To Thee,' as it went down."

She went on to say: "We didn't have radio, telephone and television like we have now. Our communication was through neighbors and friends. December 23, 1913, Walter Linney and I was united in marriage. We raised and educated our 10 children on our farm in Hiddenite, North Carolina of Alexander County. We had a big flood, taken one childs' life in Wilkes County. I had not seen that much water since that time here in Alexander County."

In 1918 the flu epidemic came through, we were all sick; one couldn't take care of the other. We didn't have a hospital in the county at that time and only three or four doctors. They had to ride horse back for transportation. Later on a few people were able to own a Model-T. You would have to crank it at the front of the motor. Not being use to many vehicles; at night when we saw a light coming up the road we were frightened. We thought judgment day was coming.

In 1933 Alexander County schools were consolidated. Children all over the county were riding school buses for the first time. We had to walk four and five miles to school.

December 7th 1941 Pearl Harbor was bombed. I had two sons to enter that war. We had built our new home and moved into it that same year; we were still without electricity. We used kerosene lamps and battery radios. I know Jesus is the

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Mrs. Lona Bell Little Linney

WOMEN'S PAGE Continued

97th Birthday (Continued from page 5)

source of my strength and life. This is what holds our nation together, even in our greatest struggles.

In 1913 I had another son that went into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. Thanks be to God they all returned home alive and in good health. I have learned to thank him in what we call bad times as well as good times.

In 1967 Alexander County schools were integrated. When I use to read to my children about the cat and the fiddle and the cow jumped over the moon, I never thought this would ever be possible. People going into the outer space, the computer age, I do not understand it, but neither do people understand the age that I grew up in. So we all can truly say; that God is of all ages and he has stood the test of time.

On July 6, 1977 our eight surviving children helped their daddy and I celebrate our 64th wedding anniversary.

On June 12, 1979 my husband Walter passed away at the age of 91. Since that time I have lived with my daughter and son in law of Stony Point, North Carolina. I am a member of Smith Grove Baptist Church. Because I know who I out my trust in I do not miss many services.

Even at my age I am able to wait on myself. Sometimes I have cooked for the family before they get home from work. I thank God for all of my children, friends and loved ones. I have 25 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Most of all let's continue to hold on to the source of our life. We will overcome the ills of our communities, town, state and nation."

May God continue to bless Mrs. Linney and we thank her for this first-hand narrative on life in the past.

Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC

The 1990 Calendar

JANUARY
(Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS)
13 — The Mid-Year Session

FEBRUARY
(Prayer Month for NATIONAL MISSIONS)

APRIL
(Prayer Month for FOREIGN MISSIONS)
7 — State-Wide Leaders' Workshop
15 — Easter

MAY
5 — Ministers' Wives Retreat

JUNE
2 — Young Adults' Retreat
4-8 — Leadership Training Conference
10-15 — First Week of Youth Bible Camp
17-22 — Second Week of Youth Bible Camp
23 — MISSIONS PRAYER DAY
24-29 — Third Week of Youth Bible Camp

JULY
21 — All Baptist Picnic
23-26 — Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

AUGUST
(Prayer Month for the FAMILY)
27 — Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

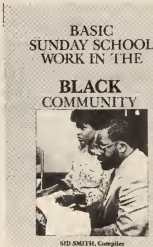
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22 — Family Missions Conference

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13 — Institute Workers' Workshop

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The Christian Funeral (Continued from page 2)

ter as the spiritual guide during moments of bereavement would recognize that in the area of the physical, the director has control.

The worship service is in the spiritual realm. From the time that the body enters the church until the minister invites the mortician to take over, he has oversight of what is going on.

The Christian funeral should attempt to become a witness of the Christian's faith in Christ as the "resurrection and the life." No one should take the minister's place. And no minister should be shy or timid or abdicate his duties in and during a funeral.

A good energetic and aggressive funeral director may get so carried away at times until he will tend to move in on the minister's turf. He may not be fully aware that the service is spiritually-oriented, and that he is not fitted by his profession to officially conduct a service geared to meeting spiritual needs. It is my feeling that in pastor's conferences, and through individual contact, funeral directors should have direct contact with ministers and the conducting of a Christian funeral should be the theme of their dialogue.

The thoughtful ministerial association will let morticians know that the music, the prayers, the eulogy, and even the obituary within the context of a Christian funeral are designed to praise God and his goodness and to extol him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

The procession, to and from the church, is the province of the mortician. Just as the mortician is subservient to the minister during the course of the service, so is the minister subservient to the mortician during the procession.

At the graveside the mortician is in charge until he gives the minister the cue to take over the committal. After the committal, the mortician again is in charge.

It, then, seems best that the minister and the mortician treat each other as equals, each with his sphere of operation which requires the cooperation of the other.

Now, in many instances the mortician and the pastor are not the only two people whose areas of operation may pose a problem and/or become a source of conflict. Sometimes another minister may be consulted to participate by someone other than a minister, or a lodge or fraternal body to which the deceased belonged may want to share some of the time during the service.

Since we cannot discuss in details all the other possible problem areas, let us condense what we have to say under two headings: (1) The Funeral Code, and (2), Practical Suggestions.

I. The Funeral Code

1) The Christian minister is the servant of the community, not merely of his parish.

2) The physician of souls (the minister) responds at once to the call from a dying man, whether he is a friend or a stranger.

3) The ministering shepherd goes at once to the home where there has been death.

4) The Christian minister carries out these principles in the spirit of the Golden Rule.

5) The pastor is responsible for the spiritual ministry at any deathbed or funeral service in his congregation.

6) The Golden Rule leads any minister to confer with the pastor before rendering any service in the other man's parish.

7) The former pastor accepts such an invitation, if at all, only when it comes through the present minister.

8) In an emergency the Christian clergyman responds to the call of human needs and afterward makes his peace with any other minister concerned.

9) The Christian clergyman never submits a bill for service rendered at a funeral, and never indirectly solicits payment. However, where such matters are not taken care of by the church, an honorarium is in order and should be accepted.

10) The pastor should not reveal anything about a dying or deceased person that he has learned in confidence.

II. Practical Suggestions

1) **Be patient** — Remember that bereaved people are emotionally upset. They may make unreasonable statements or impossible demands.

2) Remember that the mortician is in charge of preliminary arrangements and public services, but that the religious service is your, the pastor's bailwick. As in dealing with a physician, the clergyman keeps to his own field. When the mortician has been cooperative and has done an excellent job, a note of praise from the pastor is in order.

3) Treat the mortician as an equal. Do not refer to him by names which he considers degrading. It may be necessary at times for you or a deacon to confer with the mortician for a family who has a financial problem.

4) When in doubt concerning some particular matter related to a funeral, do not hesitate to consult the mortician. He is daily in the business and may be able to help solve some knotty problem.

5) In cases where a family wants another minister or ministers to participate, the pastor should welcome them warmheartedly.

6) When two ministers are conducting a service, the home minister should be in charge.

7) When a minister leaves a church he should give his successor the right of way. He should not run back to every funeral and take over.

8) Self-control is a gift of leadership. The pastor must

9) Contemplating death enhances life. The best time to prepare the people of God for sickness and death is while they are healthy and strong.

10) And finally, the minister's preparation for deathbed or funeral situation should come long before these events occur.[3]

[1]**Standard of Ordination:** Edited by Dr. C.C. Craig Jr., 1974, General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

[2]James L. Lassiter, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Winston-Salem, N.C.

[3]Source of Ethical Code and Practical suggestions: Albert W. Blackwood, **The Funeral** (Philadelphia: The Westminister Press, 1922)

Report on Hate Activity (Continued from page 3)

deadly force in the death of black men: in Goldsboro, Wilmington, Sampson County, and twice in Charlotte.

Extremist groups splintered and proliferated in 1989, with no group or leader having the unifying influence of Glenn Miller's White Patriot Party in the earlier part of the decade. Neo-nazi Skinheads showed up in North Carolina for the first time, with two different groups in Charlotte. The Posse Comitatus also appeared in North Carolina when several people were arrested in Henderson County on land fraud in November. The largest Klan organization in the United States, the Invisible Empire KKK, expanded its base, so that its Imperial Wizard, James Farrands, announced in 1990 that he would be relocating to North Carolina. The Christian Knights continued to hold membership marches almost weekly, with few in attendance. The Confederate Knights/Confederate National Congress were the most militant, and joined forces by the end of the year. The continued splintering of Klan factions, with no effective unifying leader, makes North Carolina "prime recruiting ground" for national extremist groups looking to unify the "vast number of white supremacists" once organized under the umbrella of the White Patriot Party, according to Klanwatch Chief Investigator Danny Welch.

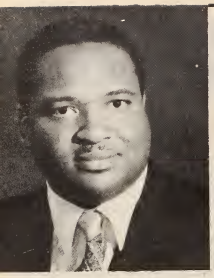
"With such continued high levels of activity, state officials should act to protect North Carolina citizens," Segrest said. She called on Attorney General to investigate the high number of community complaints about police use of deadly force; and on the Governor's Task Force on Racist, Religious and Ethnic Violence to fulfill its long-delayed mandate. District attornies such as Colon Willoughby in the Loo case should also prosecute cases of hate violence to the fullest extent of the law , the report stated.

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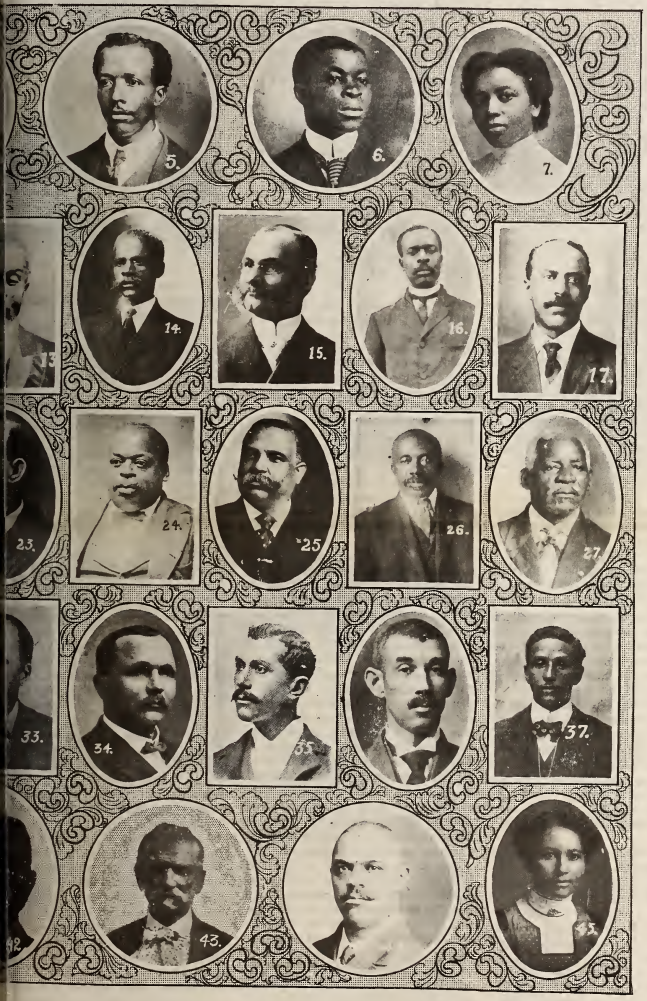
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From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA



the official leadership of the Negro Baptists of North Carolina. In a subsequent issue we hope to be more complete. -M. A. TALLEY.

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University	1	Pupils in Academies,	5,280
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Stewardship From A Black Perspective

By Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Minister
Friendship Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

The Afro-Christian Church in America has at least five identifiable historical periods that historian Carter G. Woodson has documented. Each of these periods focuses on specific goals in the development of the Afro-Christian Church in America. It is this writer's opinion that the term Afro-Church is more historically descriptive than 'Black Church.' The ethnocentric ethos of African culture and religion predate the term and phenomenon of what is called the Black religious experience in Alabama. Our ethnology is African, yet the place of our birth is America and one's ethnicity takes precedence over one's place of birth.

There are many Afro-Christian religious experiences in America; Presbyterians, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and numerous other religious sects. As a Missionary Baptist, much that will be said is from this religious tradition; however, the patterns of stewardship are similar throughout the historical development of the Afro-Christian experience in American.

Because of the major role of the Reverend in the Afro-Christian church, it is only logical to discuss his role (historically the gender was male for the Reverend) relative to stewardship. In the book **Linen Hills** by Gloria Naylor, one finds a literary hint of the attitude towards the Reverend Hollis relative to tithing:

". . .I hear Hollis's church is so slick they don't depend on no collection plates. They have this con game called 'tithing.' Roxanne thought about converting once when she was into her nationalist fever. Said it was more Black to be Baptist. But when she found out that all the members of Sinai were expected to give a tenth of their income to the church — before taxes — she decided to stay an Episcopalian and just grow an Afro." (p. 155)

This quote is reflective of an attitude towards the Reverend, the church and tithing. Was this attitude intrinsic or extrinsic? What was the social, economic and religious setting that produced a negativism toward a biblical concept of wholistic stewardship.

There is one other aspect that is essential in understanding stewardship from the Afro-Christian perspective. Historical giving trends! Who, how and what was the money raised for? What caused the member to contribute to the ministry of the church, the building program, support of the Reverend and/or giving to the needy.

The summary will share observations about stewardship from the Afro-Christian perspective and seek to give some directives toward developing a stewardship format. Often our failure in developing a stewardship format is not knowing the historical giving patterns of the local church and being patience in developing alternative.

A color filmstrip entitled, "Stewardship In Black Churches" is an excellent new source about stewardship. The purpose of this filmstrip is to help Black church members explore the meaning of stewardship in their Christian experience. Taking examples of good stewards from the Bible, Church history and contemporary life, the filmstrip shows that stewards are responsible and committed managers, accountable to God. The film can be obtained through: American Baptist Films, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482.

The Reverend

Carter G. Woodson, in his book **The History of The Negro Church,** said, "The ministry too is more attractive among Negroes than among whites. The white minister has only one important function to perform in his group, that of spiritual leadership. To the Negro community the preacher is this and besides the walking encyclopedia, the counselor of the unwise, the friend of the unfortunate, the social welfare organizer and the interpreter of the signs of the times. No man is properly introduced to the Negro community unless he comes through the minister, and no movement can expect success there unless it has his cooperation." (p. 257)

This quote describes a perception of more than a man like other men. The Reverend was God's man; God called, God ordained and God's messenger among the people. Consequently the success or failure of programs in the church and community were dependent upon "a word from the Pastor/Reverend." The Reverend was respected, yet often the punch line of ignomatic jokes. Loved, yet the object of disdain and envy. Overworked and grossly underpaid. Meet The Reverend Smith, "He stood by the sink, the images entering him like the swift, repeated thrusts of a knife. It was during the Depression. He had a church in a little country town called Stockard, Arkansas. They'd lost all their savings when the bank failed. He took another church in another little country town and traveled back and forth between the two trying to earn enough to make ends meet. The people didn't have any money either, but in the summer they paid him in tomatoes and turnip greens and chickens. In the winter all the vegetables they canned that fall were about used up and he didn't know what they were going to do. . .

Reverend Smith looked for odd jobs in S ockard and the surrounding towns. He'd done just about everything at one time or another – carpentered, farmed, taught school, barbered, been an undertaker's assistant, painted houses — but with the white folks going hungry, who was going to hire a Negro?" (Julius Lester: **Do Lord Remember Me;** pgs. 176-177)

Contrary to many intrinsic and extrinsic perceptions, the Reverend did not receive "all the money." This misperception of the Reverend is often used as a reason not to be intentional stewards. The Reverend Smith is not atypical, his life has been lived a thousand times and historically there was very little money. However, this misperception did not greatly hinder his influence in the church and community. This is historically documented by three distinct developmental periods in the Afro-Christian Church. These periods are:

1. The Reverend of slavery and early freedom days. There were few church buildings and his leadership was to a non-literature congregation along political, social and religious lines.

2. The Reverend as organizer and builder. This was a result of large migrations from the rural areas and from the south to the north.

3. The Reverend as fundraiser and businessman. With the acquisition of property it was necessary to have money to pay off the debt and general maintenance costs.

The calling of the Reverend as steward is aptly described in a sermon by Elder W.D. Woods, Pastor of the Washington Street Baptist Church of Bedford City, Virginia during the Associational Meeting of the Valley Baptist Association in the early 20th century, entitled, "The Faithful Steward." Text – I Corinthians 4:1-2; . . .Dear brethern, we have in our text a most helpful lesson, and if followed and practiced by us, we shall meet with great success in our work for the Master; we have been called and appointed by the Lord Jesus Christ to fill a most important office, perform a most delicate and onerous piece of work, that is, stand between the living and the dead; between heaven and hell, and call men with a trumpet like voice, to repent of their sins and return unto God with faith and be saved from the destruction of their own vices and sins. . ." "Moreover, it is required in stewards that they be found faithful."

The Church

Five historical periods have been identified by Carter G. Woodson relative to Black Americans embracing the church. These periods are:

1. The period of missionary endeavor in which white and black labored.

2. The rise of independent churches, 1773-1821.

3. The era of development, 1831-1865.

4. The age of expansion, 1860-1900

5. The 20th century Black church became an effective instrument in Black life with unusual assets.

(Preface IX-X)

These five stages are reflective of the pilgrimage of a people who were scared, battered, psychologically chained yet full of hope, courage, faith, determination and belief in a God known through the acts of "masa" Jesus. These ebony children of God were non-literate not because of aptitude and ability, but because of their circumstances — slavery —. These were they who were coming up through trials and tribulations, domestics, share-croppers, tenants, carpenters, blacksmiths, handymen, farmers, and millworkers. A people who became congregations in rural, buran and metropolitan areas across the United States. There was not a lot of money in these congregations because of job availability, the economic status of the nation during this period, and attitudes towards racisms and prejudice. Yet these congregations bargained to purchase buildings, construct new sanctuaries, build fellowship halls and kitchens. These churches for the most part were deeply in debt, however, rural churches "paid as they built" in order to avoid debt. The scenario for these early Afro-Churches was purchasing buildings, indebtedness, which lead to fund-raising. The funds were usually handled by a deacon, and bills were paid as money was available, there was "no budget," "no savings account," these churches financially existed from Sunday to Sunday and hoped it didn't rain. During this era the desire and will to be "debt-free" was the driving force for giving to the Church. Ownership, the first institution owned and operated by Afro-Americans, sons and daughters who started with strong backs and hands could now say, "Our church is paid for."

Historical Giving Patterns

Money raising, especially for debt retirement dominated a large portion of energy, time and ingenuity invested by



Dr. Clifford A. Jones

these Afro congregations. This caused considerable amount of concern, sardoni humor and criticism from within the con gregation and the community. There wer greater demands as congregations pur chased buildings, expanded its services had maintenance cost and financial obliga tions for the pastor. An old lady reflectin on this new urgency and constant appeal for money said, "All the spirit done gon out of the church; money drove it out. Multiple collections were quite common a penny or sick offering; the main offer ing for current expenses; the buildin fund; and an offering for pews (specia one-time effort). However, many mem bers of the congregation accepted thi matter as a necessary pattern. Giving fo some was a matter of competitive pres tige and pride and the amount is often equated with faithfulness. The story i told of a woman leader at one of the in numerable rallies.

"We are here to sing and pray and giv money. Some folks say that when yo talk about money so much you kill th spirit. That ain't so when you love Jesus you got to love."

The usual procedures, aside from th regular collection were special appeals special assessments, envelope appeal where each member raises a quota, specia programs, selling dinners and rallies. I rural communities these special occasion were planned based upon the seasons o the farming year. Such as Men's Day dur ing pepper season, Mother's Day durin strawberry season, Youth Day in Jun during cucumber season, Women's Da during cotton picking time (first pay pe riod of school teachers after the summe break) and Harvest rally during the sellin of tobacco. Other popular rallies wer King and Queen Rally, Twelve Tribe Rally, Twelve Gates Rally, Fifty State Rally, Church Auxiliary rallies and Choi rallies. These events created a great deal o excitement and friendly (sometimes no so friendly) competitiveness among th congregation. Members were involved an would work and plan all year as to how they would raise the most money nex year and be crowned king or queen. Often captains were used to go and collect th quotas that the Reverend had announce from the pulpit. There were member who wouldn't come to church, but they' "sent their rally money." It was not un common for members to hold portions o their regular "dues" for the upcomin rally.

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These occasions were filled with pageantry and pomp. Special attire; ladies would wear all white or long dresses, men would wear dark suits and bow ties. Sister churches were invited with their choirs to render the music and boost the attendance for these special days with the promise that, "when you have your program we'll come and help you." Each group would march around the table as choirs sang and put their money on the table; there was excitement, the money was counted and announced. When all the groups had marched around the table usually an offering was taken just in case someone had been overlooked. The grand total was announced and the Reverend would crown the king or queen. The Reverend would always bring remarks of appreciation and gratitude and publicly thank those individuals for their efforts. The expectation would be raised by the Reverend, "we'll do better next year," and this was affirmed with, "Amen Reverend!." These financial drives were project oriented. Tangible needs were lifted up and members made major sacrifices on a one time basis of these needs centered around the church buildings and property.

There were other auxiliaries in churches that participated in the fund raising but their emphasis was local and foreign mission. These groups would adopt families in the church and community and aid them morally, spiritually and financially. They, too, had rallies and fundraisers, however, these programs were more subdued and had less pomp and pageantry. Usually a minister and his church were invited to render these services. One such group was known as the "Willing Workers" which maintained its own treasury and turned over any surplus to the church at the end of the year. These mission circles were primarily concerned with caring for sick members.

Other patterns of giving are reflected by three ministers as they recalled stewardship patterns.

Minister from Tennessee, presently the pastor of First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. He has been preaching for 52 years. "We took offerings and clubs had rallies. People back then could not read; they did not know about tithing. They looked to the preacher for direction and that was usually in the form of club rallies. We sold fish and chicken dinners, and sandwiches to support the church. Remember, Negroes in the 18th, 19th and first quarter of the 20th century were not literate as a race. The Bible was usually read by the preacher."

The Reverend Sidney Locks, his father was a preacher in Opelousas, Louisiana, the Little Zion Baptist Church. "My father did emphasize tithing but there was a lack of faith by the congregation. Giving was a problem because not enough of the people tithed. Therefore, there was at least an annual plate sale, Men's Day and Women's Day rallies."

The Reverend Willie Scarborough, a pastor for 61 years. He is presently the pastor of the Oak Grove and Saint Paul Baptist Churches in Newport News, Virginia. "My earliest recollection was the 'Box Party.' A young girl would fix of box of food and the young men would bid on the boxes in order to share the box of food with the girl. Sometimes you'd spend $10.00 for a sweet potato. The money would go to the church. I also recall picking cotton, it was called the "preacher's money," maybe he got 25¢. He didn't get it all but that's what it was called.

You know God's church cannot be supported on pig feet and dimes. We owe God 10 cents out of every dollar. Pastors have done other things because it's hard to get members to tithe. There are five things I have observed about money and the church:

1. People are bent on giving that one mite.

2. We (Pastors) haven't put enough stress on giving nor given the program.

3. Pastors must lead to have people to follow.

4. Pastors have an obligation to the church.

5. There is a diminishing of respect for the clergy.

The Sacred Dime

Last year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church, the Reverend Lenworth Morrison gave the mission appeal for the mission offering. This offering is called "The Sacred Dime Offering." Reverend Morrison said, "this concept affirms that the tenth belongs to the Lord: In 1987 in Harrisburg the historical stewardship tenants of the Afro-Christian church are still alive. Strong clear calls by the Reverend to give the Lord His tenth. Attitudes, perceptions towards the Reverend though many were negative and still are, did not greatly diminish his credibility with the congregation nor in the community. It is still expected that, "The Reverend still needs to say a word from the pulpit" and make offertory appeals. Often it was through his strong leadership thrust that made the difference in success or failure. It was not, is not uncommon for members to say, "Rev. the members are waiting to hear from you as to how much to give." The Reverend was/is the motivator, the chief fundraiser, the stewardship committee and planner. The Reverend had to have a plan.

If you want people to give you something, tell them 'what,' 'how much,' and 'what the money will be used for' was the philosophy of the Afro-Christian Church and Reverend. As the Afro-Christians developed, purchased land, graduated from brush arbors and migrated from the rural areas to urban, there was a need for more permanent churches. These early congregations were energetic and loved their churches and Reverends. They used what they had and were creative and intentional in giving to the Church. Though the word 'stewardship' was not employed, the concept was implemented. These congregations used their time often working long hours at night giving free labor in building and repairing the Church. Their influence to stimulate others to give money and attend church. Their talents, cooking, cleaning, singing and working. Their finances, often giving all they had to meet their quotas. Their self, there was nothing these hardworking souls would not do to help get the program over. Therefore, the plight of stewardship from the Afro-Christian tradition must not be one that is looked upon with disdain, nor with eyes of sympathy and paternalism. Accept this tradition that was creative, unique and an indigeous experience that was valid and quite successful. Afro-Congregations were — some would argue still are — crisis oriented, needs motivated and project oriented groups. Therefore, each financial drive had a specific goal, buying hymnals, choir robes, painting the church, buying pews, etc.

Afro-Churches dealt with the psychology of giving. There were awards for success! Recognition; the Reverend would call your name and have you to stand on Sunday morning. Persons were crowned King and Queen, plaques were given, certificates of achievement were lavishly printed and presented at the programs names were placed in the bulletin and pictures were taken and placed on the church bulletin board. A church had set a goal to paving the parking lot, the following was part of the church bulletin:

Goal is $27,000.00 Church Officers Deacons, Trustees, Chairmen of auxiliaries and Committees who have not completed their assessment ($100), please do so.

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A Leader raises	$500	Plaque

Remember that April 24 is the deadline for monies to be paid in full.

Reflections

Contemporary Afro-American Churches are in transition relative to stewardship emphasis for the ongoing operation of the church's ministry. However, there is resistance by some congregations to change from historical patterns that were successful and nurturing. It is essential for the pastor to be aware of historical giving patterns of the local church in planning and initiating new or different procedures for giving. Most congregations will try to follow the leadership of the pastor, so it is essential that they do not assume authority and leadership as such until they have it. Developing an effective stewardship program in the Afro-American Church may necessitate consideration of the following:

1. Committed clergy to intentional stewardship and tithing.

2. An understanding of the financial systematical patterns of the Afro-Church and the local church.

3. Teaching and training sessions for all church leaders and the congregation of an ongoing basis.

4. Commitment by the church to "Prove the Tithe."

5. Provide the nurturing fellowship of fundraising through other means.

6. Be consistent, concise and faithful.

7. Teach Biblical Stewardship as a more excellent way to support the ministry of Christ.

8. The Reverend must preach sermons on faith, commitment, stewardship and tithing.

9. The Pastor must be a faithful steward and tither.

10. The Pastor and Congregation must be faithful, prayerful, and prove God through the tithe.

Salary Guideline Correction!

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From The President's Desk

(I would like to thank Dr. John W. Fleming, a former Interm President of Shaw University for this outstanding article on Attorney Willie E. Gary, Chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees)

They Call Him "Mr. Gary"!

An Amazing Human Interest Story

By John W. Fleming



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

The Willie Horton image continues to haunt the African-American community. Much of the news concerning us, especially the black males, during the decade of the 80s has been depressing, demeaning and disillusioning.

The school drop-out rate, the increasing use and abuse of drugs, the deterioration of family life, the high percentage of our young men in prisons, and many other sad notes have caused us to wonder about our future as a people. No one seems to see the problem as a national malaise, an ailment that affects all people. As has so often been the case, the African-American has become the scapegoat for a national sickness. And so, the main question often heard is: "Can we survive as a people?"

With all the bad news, we are often not aware that there are many among us who have not yet bowed to Baal. More than that, there are many among us who are not only achieving but are achieving on a high plane.

It is time for us to stop accentuating the negative so much and give equal time to the positive. If there is anything that our people need, it is role models. Thus, I present the amazing human interest story of Attorney Willie E. Gary, chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees.

Not the Willie Hortons with the negative savagery assignment to them but the Willie Garys with the positive humanitarianism is what we need to hear more about.

Mr. Gary graduated from Shaw University in 1971, and from the law school of North Carolina Central University in 1974. Returning to his home area of Martin County, Florida, he hung out his law shingle and began his practice in the town of Stuart.

Today, approximately sixteen years after that humble beginning as a lawyer, he is the senior partner in the law firm of Gary, Williams and Parenti with an established national reputation. This firm operates from well-manned offices in Stuart and Fort Pierce, Florida.

Employing some fifty people who cover the spectrum of law practice — legal analysts, private investigators, trial lawyers, a business manager, and a host of secretaries — this firm handles sundry and diverse cases, but has become known for the mind-boggling victories it has won in personal injury cases. Clients have been awarded huge sums of money by the court or through negotiation with those being sued.

Even though he is a friendly man, a man who has helped many people, and a man who is kind and considerate in dealing with his employees, he commands respect from all.

One lady, a legal secretary, who came out of retirement to work for the firm, declared that she would not work for anyone else but Mr. Gary. Commenting on his innate goodness and his high regard for those who work for him, she let it be known that he never got so chummy with them as to drop the regard for respect. As she put it, "He commands respect at all times. Everyone calls him 'Mr. Gary!' "

On December 22, 1989, along with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kee and my wife, Hortense, I attended the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Gary, Williams & Parenti law firm. As one might guess, Mr. Gary is the chief host at the party and the spirit behind its organization.

Now there is nothing unusual about attending a Christmas party. Each year there are myriads of them celebrating the yuletide season. What gave this particular party an unusual aspect was its size and scope.

Usually it is held on the waterfront near the marina owned by Mr. Gary and between two buildings also owned by him. Rainy weather forced it indoor this Christmas season. It was held in the basement of the water palace on the marina base.

Food, drinks, a rock band, people-educators, politicians, religious leaders, social elites and social outcasts, rich and poor, black and white, young and old, whoever wanted to come, mingled together, rubbing shoulders in a spirit of harmony, peace, and goodwill that could have served as a role model for universal brotherhood and for an ideal world community.

Mr. Gary, as the chief host and followed everywhere he went by a professional photographer, circulated through the crowd striking up conversations with small groups in the large crowd. One could hear people in those small groups greeting "Mr. Gary."

We found the same to be true at the Ambassador Club, an elite group in which he is a chartered member.

As we dined in this group's luxurious restaurant on the third floor of the Southeastern Bank in Stuart, we heard waiters in tuxedos and hostesses in long gowns, asking "Mr. Gary" what they could do for him and his party.

Even I, who still view him as my student and always called him "Willie," found myself falling in line with the practice and calling him "Mr. Gary."

Heading the Gary Enterprises, a business conglomerate that has delved into many facets of the business world, is Gloria Gary, the charming wife of our hero and also a graduate of Shaw University. Apartments, stores, laundromats and condominiums are some of the successful ventures of the Gary Enterprises.

The Gary couple and their four sons live in a palatial Spanish style home in Sewall Point, a suburb of Stuart. High ceilings, marble floors, and an auditorium that will seat 100 people are some of the outstanding features of the house.

Outside on a spacious lawn one finds an enclosed swimming pool, a tennis court, and a basketball court. These attractions are kept spic and span.

Now this good man, whose philosophy is that you can be what you want to be and do what you want to do, has his mind set on buying a home in Palm Beach, Florida. No black has ever owned a home in that community. Don't bet that Mr. Gary will not succeed in this goal. Miracles are made. He is a doer, and therefore a miracle-maker.

Our party arrived at the airport in West Palm Beach on the morning of December 19th. Mr. Gary's trusted chauffeur, Jackie Cooper, was waiting for us.

Imagine our surprise when he escorted us to a flaming red Silver Spur Rolls-Royce. When the driver arrived at Mr. Gary's law office, he parked this car beside a silver gray Rolls-Royce. Both car are owned by Mr. Gary.

There are several company cars including Mercedes and BMW's. We were given a Chevrolet Celebrity to use during our five-day visit.

While Mr. Gary is rated as one of the richest lawyers in the State of Florida, his financial successes have not gone to his head and he has never forgotten the lowly economic status from which he came. In fact, he has viewed his success as a divine act that enables him to provide much help for others.

Indiantown, a few miles from Stuart, and the community in which he grew up, has been, and is, a sort of starting point for migrants as they make their way up the coast line harvesting crops all the way to Connecticut and then back down through the Western part of the State of Virginia to Florida again.

Mr. Gary has brought some tremendous changes to Indiantown. Although some of the shacks still stand, there are stores, laundromats and apartments there that were not there before. Thanks to Mr. Gary and the Gary Enterprises.

A large donation to an Indiantown church pastored by his brother, Reverend W.L. Gary, has helped it to get a new church building. Mr. Gary can be found there on Sunday when he is in town singing in the choir and gathering with some thirty other members of the Gary family after church at his mother's home for dinner.

He also made a donation of $100,000.00 for the construction of a health center in Indiantown. In a word, he views himself as a steward of that which God has entrusted to him.

In Indiantown, as elsewhere, he is known as "Mr.Gary."

David Walker, his former roommate at Shaw and also a member of his alma mater's Board of Trustees, was encouraged by Mr. Gary to leave a salesman's job in Richmond, Virginia, and enroll in law school at North Carolina Central University.

After his graduation, Mr. Walker joined Mr. Gary in law practice. He has now launched out on his own and is a successful practitioner of his profession in the City of Stuart.

He, like so many others, expresses his gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Gary for encouraging him to venture into the field

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Mr. Gary (Continued

of law and for helping him launch his law career.

Lorenzo Williams, another Shaw graduate who went into law, was a public defender in Miami. After a telephone conversation with Mr. Gary, he came to Stuart and became a partner in the Gary, Williams and Parenti law firm. He now works out of the Fort Pierce office.

Mr. Williams, too, feels indebted to Mr. Gary and sees him as a benefactor. As he entertained us in his palatial home, we could sense a deep appreciation and respect for Mr. Gary.

Ten students from the Stuart area are now attending Shaw University. They were encouraged by Mr. Gary to come here and have received help from him.

He is constantly in demand as a speaker for youth audiences. He always tells them that they can be whatever they want to be and warns them of the dangers of drugs.

Others have benefitted from the man's magnanimous spirit, and will continue to do so for he is a steward who has been found faithful.

He has reserved his greatest example of generosity for his alma mater, Shaw University. During the Founder's Day/Homecoming festivities in November, 1989, he and his wife pledged to give Shaw over the next ten years **one million dollars!** The first installment on that pledge of $100,000.00 was paid. Mrs. Gary added another gift of $15,000.00 for the library.

A word needs to be said about Mr. Gary and his firm as successful practitioners of the law. They seldom lose a case in court. In fact, during one period Mr. Gary did not lose a case in seven years.

This success just does not happen in a vacuum. It is due to planning, research and hard work. Hours are spent in preparation. The actual courtroom procedures is but the climax.

Mr. Gary's personal appearance and pleas in the courtroom have attracted much attention. What is the key to his success there?

While he has a keen mind, a strong will to win and an unmatched emphasis on preparation, observers say that this would mean nothing without his style of oratory.

In the African-American community no speaker, regardless of the field or subject, can reach people unless he has adopted the style of the old black preacher.

Along with his keen knowledge of the law and his deep perception of how to apply it to particular cases, Mr. Gary has carried the oratory that is the trademark of all successful African-American speakers into the courtroom. He has discovered that the appeal of this style is not limited to an ethnic or racial group.



Attorney and Mrs. Gary

Its rhythmical beat, its poetic imagery, its gestures and dramatic flairs have created admiration for him in a vastly diversified audience. Courtrooms are crowded, especially with young and aspiring lawyers, when Mr. Gary stands to face a jury and plead his client's case.

Shaw University is proud of its alumni, many of whom have accomplished so much. A special sort of pride is reserved for Mr. Gary who made th tremendous jump from the migrant field to a niche among the wealthiest lawyer in Florida. That feeling of pride is mu tual, for Mr. Gary sings Shaw's praise everywhere he goes.

Yes, they call him, "Mr. Gary," wi all the dignity, the respect, and the adm ration inherent in the term.

They call him "Mr. Gary" because h is deserving of the title.

They call him "Mr. Gary" because h life is an amazing human interest story.

The Second Annual Metrolina Crusade and Minister's Conference

Charlotte, N.C.
April 2-6, 1990

By Dr. William Lee, Jr.



Dr. Clay Evans

The Metrolina Seminary Extension Center of Charlotte, North Carolina will sponsor the second annual — **"Metrolina City/County Wide Revival Crusade and Minister's Conference"** — the first week — April 2-6, 1990. The theme for this year is: **"How to Build a Dynamic and Spirit-filled Church in a Storm."**

Rev. Clay Evans, pastor of the well-known Fellowship Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. and pastor of Rev. Jessie Jackson will lead both the conference and the crusade. Rev. Evans started the Fellowship Baptist Church with. . .eight (8) members of his family and today claims more than 5,000 members. He is a national T.V. and radio minister, singer and recording artist. He will lecture daily on. . . **"How to Build a Dynamic and Spirit Filled Church by Radio and Television"** at a cost that any church can afford. He will lead the crusade nightly.

Lectures and workshops will be conducted — Tuesday-Thursday, April 3-5, 1990 — 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Eight well-prepared pastors and ministers of different denominations will address the topics of **"How to Develop a Bible Based and Spirit-Filled Church" — "The Church in Politics and the New Tax Laws" — "Meeting the Needs of the New Day Member" — "The New Day Approach, Drums, Guitars, Bands in the Church"** and up-to-date topics related to the general theme. Elder T.W. Samuels, pastor of the Greater Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will serve as the conference preacher and he will preach each day at 12:30 p.m. Dr. George Cook, Jr. of Alabama and former Bible College President. . .promises this week of study, worship and fellowship to be among the best of the state or nation.

The minister's conference will be held at — the Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church — 1243 W. Blvd. Charlotte, N.C. — Dr. George Cook, Jr. Host Pastor. The city/countywide revival crusade will be held nightly — 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church — 1401 N. Allen Street, Charlotte, N.C. Dr. P.W. Drummond, Host Pastor. More than 1,500 attended nightly last year and more are expected this year.

For more information/folders, pre-registration blanks or hotel/reservations etc. Write or call the director of the Metrolina Seminary Extension Center. Dr. William Lee, Jr. — Post Office Box 26142 — Charlotte, N.C. Phone (704) 596-3821. Pre-registration deadline — March 15, 1990. Contact person: Dr. Lee, Jr. (704) 596/3821.



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45. Mrs. T.S. Eaton, Henderson; Recording Secretary Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention.

"DEBT FREE IN THREE"

President Jemison Elected To Second Term

It is President Jemison's faith and our faith as the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. family that God will lead us.

By Rev. Roscoe D. Cooper, Jr., Guest Editor

In New Orleans, Louisiana on September 7, 1989 the messengers present at the 109th Annual Session of our National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. unanimously re-elected the Rev. Dr. Theodore Judson Jemison, pastor of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., President of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention, Vice President World Baptist Alliance, President for a second term of five years.

The accomplishments of our Convention during Dr. Jemison's first term were to many nothing short of amazing. God through his leadership held us together in love and peace. He blessed us to grow in number, financial strength, service to our constituents, our nation and the world. He blessed each agency of our Convention to experience significant growth, accomplishment and achievement. He blessed us to build for the first time in our history a building to serve as our National Headquarters, The Baptist World Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the cost of $10 million.

President Jemison identified as a major goal of his second term to lead the convention to retire the $7 million debt it incurred to pay for construction of the Baptist World Center in three years. He said, "God gave me the slogan while lying in bed one morning "DEBT FREE IN THREE," in other words by 1992 we should be free of debt." He said as President of the convention, he is counting on every member of the convention to do their best.

He identified as his second goal during his second term to lead the convention to relocate all its board and agencies in the Baptist World Center, He said, "We realize that this will take some time, but the plan of operation is to move Foreign and Home missions to this building. We plan to have branches of this work in the building as of now. The next Secretaries of these boards and others will have to be individuals who will be willing to live in Nashville. Eventually all our work will be under one roof."

President Jemison said that he recognizes that the Convention needs a full time Executive Secretary and other staff members to coordinate its work from the Baptist World Center. He is presently searching for a person to serve in this position. In the interim he, and Secretary Richardson, and Vice President of the Congress, James assisted by an Executive Assistant to the President who has been employed to work daily at the building will oversee the program of the Baptist World Center.

President Jemison is confident that God will bless him to lead the convention to achieve and accomplish these two goals while continuing to expand its efforts in the areas of evangelism, foreign and home missions, educational ministries, and the many other ministries and programs it offers and operates through its various agencies and departments. It is President Jemison's faith and our faith as the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. family that God will lead us to even greater achievement and accomplishment for the cause of Christ during his second term. We re-elected President Jemison to a second term because we believe he is the one God has raised up among us through whom he will lead us. **FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.**

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MAY

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5	Ministers' Wives Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC
6-13	Christian Home and Family Week
9-10	General Baptist State Convention Mid-Year Session (Place to be announced)
12	Shaw University Commencement Convocation
13	MOTHER'S DAY
26	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
27	Central Children's Home Parents & Friends Day 11:30 a.m., Oxford, NC

JUNE

2	Young Adults' Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
4-8	Leadership Training Conference Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
4-8	Hampton Ministers' Conference Hampton, VA
9	Laymen's League Study Commission & Mini Skills Conference Baptist Assembly, Emmanuel Baptist, Winston-Salem, NC
10	Children's Day
10-15	First Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
11-15	Shaw Divinity School Annual Church Leaders Conference
17	FATHER'S DAY
17-22	Second Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
18-22	National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Baltimore, MD
23	Missions Prayer Day (County-Wide)
24-29	Third Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
24-29	Lott Carey Annual Youth Seminar, Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
28-30	Shaw Divinity School Women in Ministry Retreat (Place to be announced)

Mid-Year Session To Convene May 9-10, 1990

By Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions and members of the Baptist Family:

We urge you to make plans now to attend the Mid Year Session of our General Baptist State Convention, May 9-10, 1990, at the Providence Baptist Church, 1106 Tuscaloosa Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. Howard Chubbs is the pastor. Wednesday, May 9 will consist of registration, Pastors' and Moderators' Workshops, theme address, welcome program by the host church and preaching at its best. Thursday's Session will include devotion, theme address, reports, recognitions, special announcements, president's projections, finance reports and a closing sermon.

Our financial goal for the Mid Year Session is $100,000.00. The requested amount of one hundred thousand dollars will enable the Convention to meet its obligations in paying past and current bills to our venders and honoring our commitments to the other objectives.

I am asking each pastor to bring or send one, two, three or more hundred dollars for State Missions and for the other objectives. Also, if you have not responded to the five dollars per member effort for the Divinity School, we are asking you to do so immediately. The objectives of the Convention depend upon the churches for support and cooperation.

I am asking each pastor, moderator and president of the district convention to be a mid-night friend for the Mid Year Session.

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And Now About The Collection

Paul has been declaring the deepest realities of the faith, and then suddenly he makes an appeal for money. At considerable length he has been telling his friends in Corinth about the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, finishing with a call to thanksgiving for their victory in life through him an with an admonition that they do not falter in their work for him, which is his work in the world and for the world. Then suddenly and without any subtlety he tells them about the collection to be taken for the aid of their fellow Christians in Jerusalem. "And now about the collection," he says bluntly. Make no mistake here: Paul is asking for money.

During the third of his missionary journeys Paul appealed to his converts, most of whom were Gentiles, for contributions to aid distressed Christians in Jerusalem, a city caught in an economic depression and suffering a serious food shortage. Jews there receive some help from their fellows living in other communities throughout the Mediterranean world that only the Jews who have not embraced the new faith of Jesus Christ. In Acts we read about Christians in Antioch sending aid to their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem. But the circumstances of the Jerusalem Christians have been worsening, and Paul has become aware of this during his visits to the city. He has asked for help from the Christians in relatively prosperous Galatia. But he hasn't asked the churches in Philippi and Thessalonica, probably because he knows that they are poor, but they, on their own initiative, do contribute to the relief fund and far more generously than Paul could have expected.



Dr. J.B. Humphrey
President GBSC

Now he appeals to the Christians in Corinth. Apparently they have been dragging their feet on this. It isn't that they don't believe in the Jerusalem relief fund, but they are a cantankerous, hot headed lot, and they insisted on examining the matter from every angle. Perhaps they appoint a task force or special committee to study it — a useful ploy in church life for postponing or even evading decisions.

Paul feels that he must prod them a little. "And now about the collection," he writes. "Every Sunday each of you is to put aside a sum in preparation to his gains."

(Continued on page 2)

General Baptist Youth Participate In 1990 North Carolina Baptist Student Union Retreat

By Dr. Ronald Swain



Group photograph of attendees at the Fifth Annual NCBSU Retreat January 26-28, 1990.



Dr. Priscilla Brodie addresses the students in the Opening Session of the 1990 NCBSU Retreat on January 26, 1990.

(See pages 3, 6)

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

(Continued from page 1)

Perhaps Paul was insensitive in shifting so suddenly from the high and holy to the material and mundane. But Paul was never delicate and never subtle about money matters.

In his second Corinthian letter he said with respect to appeals for money to support the cause of Jesus Christ, "I am putting your love to the test" (8:8). Your Christian love is tested and authenticated by your stewardship of your money. In his letter to the Romans, a letter to Christians he had not yet met and whose support and goodwill he was seeking for a proposed mission to Spain, Paul told them about the special appeal for helping the Christians in Jerusalem, and he pointed out that for Christians the giving of money is not an option but an obligation.

Every Christian and every Christian family must make regular stewardship decisions, responsible decisions, based not on mere expediency but on Christian commitment. It is not presumptious for a pastor to say to all his people that they have an obligation to constantly reconsider their giving in terms of their own special circumstances and guided by their Christian consciences, in keeping with the teaching of the words of the bible on tithing.

I feel a little uneasy making a stewardship appeal from the churches about money. But I can deal with my uneasiness and my worry about offending some people by remembering that Paul was never apologetic, never evasive, and never coy about asking for money for the church. He didn't treat church finances as a rather embarrassing adjunct to church life. He treated finances as a fundamental concern in faith, and he did not separate, to use terms favored by our grandfathers, the temporalities from the spiritualities. When he established a congregation, he expected its members to maintain a strong congregational life in order that in their communities the light of God in Jesus Christ would shine brightly. And he also expected them to support the wider work of the church, work of service and compassion, work of mission and evangelism. C.H. Dodd, one of the great New Testament scholars of our time, in a

Election Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Howard D. Davis, Sr.

I am officially announcing my candidacy for Fourth Vice-President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

I offer my expertise and commitment to a team that will be fully dedicated to spiritually and innovatively continuing to move our convention forward.

Recently retired from public education as a school principal, Rev. Dr. Davis recently accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Paul Baptist Church, Gastonia. He is married to the former Mildred Thompson of Lumberton, N.C.

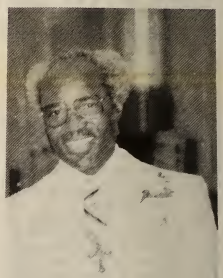
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The Rev. Dr. G.A. Jones Sr.

The Reverend Dr. G.A. Jones, Sr. announces his candidacy for 3rd Vice President of General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. Dr. Jones is a graduate of St. Augustine College and Shaw Divinity School with a Master of Divinity. He holds a doctorate of Divinity, matriculated to North Carolina Central University School of Law where he majored in Political Science, History and Government. He also attended North Carolina State University. Dr. Jones trained in counseling by the State of North Carolina Counseling Program, with internship at Dorothy Dix, Central Prison and Polk Youth Center. In 1967 he received the Award of Excellency from Weekly New Magazine for highest achievement in current affairs in History and Government. In 1985 he was awarded "Pastor of the Year Award" from Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. Dr. Jones yields several positions in the General Baptist State Convention, such as: Recording Secretary, Executive and General Board Member and Secretary of the Place Committee. He is presently serving as Clerk of the Wake Baptist Association, where he has also served as Moderator and Correspondent Secretary.

Dr. Jones serves on the committee of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. of Christian Education.

Dr. Jones pastorate affiliation is with Juniper Level Baptist Church for 35 years and Malabys Crossroad Baptist Church for 34 years. He is an evangelist, a prophet and a preacher in his own right.





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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



Death Penalty Fact Sheet

For many years, the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. has opposed the Death Penalty.

"It's Easy to Believe in the Death Penalty — If You Ignore the Facts" is the title of a brief, well-documented brochure prepared by the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. The 8 factual statements are these:

#1 Murder rates are lower in states that have abolished the death penalty.

#2 Innocent people are executed.

#3 Many family members of murder victims don't want the death penalty.

#4 The death penalty is arbitrary and capricious.

#5 Every western democracy — except the U.S.A. — has abolished the death penalty.

#6 Public opinion supports alternatives to the death penalty.

#7 The death penalty costs more than life imprisonment.

#8 The death penalty is racist: minority defendants are more likely to be sentenced to death than white defendants, for the same crimes, and the death penalty is used primarily to punish those who kill whites.

North Carolina Information

Background: In 1972 the U.S. Supreme Court banned the death penalty nationwide because of its "freakish and arbitrary" application. States rewrote their guidelines and in 1977, North Carolina had its revised statute accepted.

Death Row: North Carolina's death row population stands at 88. One of the 37 states with death penalty statutes, most (25) of them have less than 50 on death row. Texas, California and Florida have more than 200.

Executions: Three people have been executed in North Carolina since 1961; James Hutchins and Margie Velma Barfield in 1984, and John Rook in 1986.

Racial Factors: Since 1910, when the government in Raleigh took over the responsibility of executing prisoners from the counties, 365 people have been put to death. Of the 365, 282 were black men, 75 were white men, 5 were Native American men, 2 were black women and 1 was a white woman.

Legal Representation: Most of those on death row are poor; they did not have money for legal representation at their trials and either had a public defender (a handful of N.C. judicial districts have public defender systems) or were appointed attorneys by the court.

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Baptist Student Union Retreat

(During my Annual address, I recommended as President of the GBSC of N.C., Inc. that we support the work and N.C. Student Union. Below is a report on their recent retreat.)

By Dawn L. Baldwin
Shaw University

The Fifth Annual North Carolina Baptist Student Union Retreat convened the weekend of January 26-28, 1990 at J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill. Thirty-nine students and six advisors representing nine colleges and universities throughout the state met to discuss the theme "The Christian Identity: Who Am I?" The retreat began Friday after a seafood dinner, with Shaw students presiding. The speakers for the night were Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and Dr. Clifford Jones, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Charlotte. Dr. Brodie emphasized the role that missions should play in the lives of Christian youth. Dr. Jones preached on the topic "As I Die" the text was taken from II Corinthians 5:17 and 20. He pointed out that as "self" is crucified then Christ resurrects in our lives. Friday night concluded with an Advisory Council meeting where state officers were nominated.

Saturday morning started with a hearty breakfast. The General Session followed with Dr. Jones conducting a workshop dealing with the theme. After a short break, the session resumed with a seminar by Mrs. Marva Fisher-Baldwin, a Pamlico County Instructor. Mrs. Baldwin emphasized the need for Christian youth to evangelize on their individual campuses. She provided useful steps to evangelize effectively. Following the seminar, there was a panel discussion on "Sexuality: Christian Responsibilities." Lunch was served after the discussion. The afternoon session began promptly after fellowship and lunch. The retreators voted on the first state officers for the Baptist Student Union. After the election of officers and the other points of business, Mrs. Baldwin conducted a workshop on "Effective Leadership." She pointed out qualities and attributes of an effective leader. The afternoon session adjourned after the workshop.

The Queen's Banquet was held Saturday night featuring campus queens and Miss N.C. B.S.U. The guest speaker for the night was Mr. Tracy Satterwhite, National B.S.U. President. At the close of the banquet, retreaters made their way back to the cabin for Christian fellowship.

The retreat concluded Sunday morning with a closing session. State Officers were installed. Rev. Paige Chargois, N.C. Central University B.S.U. Advisor preached. After a brief Advisory Council meeting the retreat officially came to a close.

Four Shaw students and one advisor were in attendance at the retreat. Two Shaw students were elected to state office. They are: Dawn L. Baldwin, Miss N.C. B.S.U., a member of First Baptist Church in New Bern, and Victor Davis, Vice-President, a member of First Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

(See page 1 and 6 for photos)



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Dr. P.A. Brodie

The Resurrected One Said, "All Hail!"

By Executive Secretary Brodie



To each of you we, the Woman's Convention, wish a joyful and thankful Easter and Pentecost.

The words "All Hail" owe much to Easter for their great energy and meaning. For He who is the Cause and Being of Easter, the Day of Resurrection, said them to the women as they ran to tell the disciples of His resurrection. Hearing these words, the women fell at His feet and worshipped Him. These words caused the women to rejoice, for the words meant "rejoice," a pleasant salutation. O what speechless joy these people must have felt in their hearts, for the Lord of Easter, the Resurrected One, talked with them!

Then Easter season reminded not only these to rejoice, but it reminds all of us with whom the Lord Jesus Christ walks and talks to rejoice. The words, "All Hail" spoken to us by a Risen Lord let us know that we are in His company and keeping and have victory in Him over death in that He is the Resurrection and that one day we shall behold Him face to face where we can worship Him forever and ever. Yes, Easter is a time for much rejoicing in the Lord for what He has done for all who believe Him and accept Him as Savior and Lord. Apparently this same Easter joy caused a song writer to pen, "All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall . . . Let every kindred . . . On this terrestrial ball . . . We at His feet may fall . . ."

Let us not forget to help others rejoice. What of our objectives in terms of Shaw University **$44,000.00;** Shaw Divinity School **$30,000.00;** Foreign Missions **$40,000.00;** Baptist Assembly **$15,000.00;** Central Children's Home **$31,000.00** and State Missions **$386,599.99.**

"The Day of Resurrection"

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Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see a-right
The Lord in rays eternal of res-ur-rection light;
And, lis-t'ning to His ac-cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own **"All hail!"** and, hearing, May raise the vic-tor-strain.

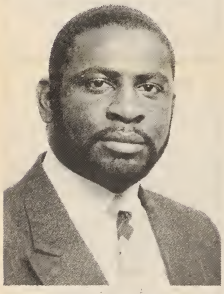
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For Christ the Lord hath ris-en, Our Joy that hath no end!

-John of Damascus
Trans. by John Neale

Outreach Program Will Work Neighbor to Neighbor

By Rev. Marvin N. Kelly, Regional Editor



Dr. A.L. Jinwright

A group of young ministers is ready to tackle problems in neighborhoods the old-fashioned way: one person at a time.

Headed by the Rev. James Logan and the Rev. Anthony Jinwright, the group dedicated a Charlotte chapter of the World Christian Training Center on Jan. 27. The neighbor-to-neighbor program of Christian outreach is patterned after the successful Los Angeles center founded by evangelist E.V. Hill.

"E.V. Hill says 'a saved city is a safe city,' and we agree," said Jinwright, pastor of Salem Baptist Church. "We want to saturate this city with the message of Jesus Christ — with the news that there is hope."

The World Christian Training Center, backed by private money, will operate out of the recently renovated gray brick duplex at 738 W. 5th St.

Participants — laypeople from churches throughout the city — signed up for 12-week training sessions in sharing the faith.

Graduates of the program will organize their own blocks, spreading the Christian message and providing a neighborhood base of referral and support, said Logan, pastor of South Tryon Presbyterian Church.

Logan and Jinwright said the all-volunteer organization will first target four Charlotte neighborhoods: Beatties Ford Road, Belmont, Oaklawn and West Boulevard.

"That is not to say that these areas are the worst, or that we don't welcome participation from any part of the city," Logan said. "But we felt these were areas that could benefit immediately."

The ministers said volunteer training would emphasize a personal, nonthreatening approach to evangelism.

"This is not a membership drive or a fund-raiser," Logan said. "There are a lot of people living in these communities who have a strong commitmert of faith and really feel they are at an impasse in terms of helping.

"We want to give them the tools."

Logan and Jinwright have worked for more than a year to organize the program. Serving with them on the organization's board are the Rev. Paul Drummond of St. Paul Baptist Church, the Rev. Raymon Hunt of Rockwell AME Zion Church, and the Rev. Phillip Davis of Nations Ford Baptist Church.

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In Memoriam

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

The Reverend Dr. E.L. Kirby Passes



The Reverend Dr. Elvie Lee Kirby Sr. was funeralized in Reidsville, NC at Zion Baptist Church where he served as Pastor Emeritus and where the Reverend Dr. G.K. Moss now serves as Pastor.

Born in Anson County, Wadesboro, NC, he was the son of the late Susan Dunlap Kirby and Eugene Kirby. He departed this life April 7, 1990. All of his brothers and sister preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn: a loving wife of fifty-nine years, Mrs. Eunice Kirby; a son, Elvie L. Kirby Jr.; and many other relatives and close friends.

Dr. Kirby was a graduate from the Hood Theological Seminary at Livingston College in Salisbury, NC. In 1973, Shaw Divinity School awarded him an honorary Doctorate Degree. Dr. Kirby was a key supporter of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. He pastored several churches during his long ministry and served on the General Board of the GBSC.

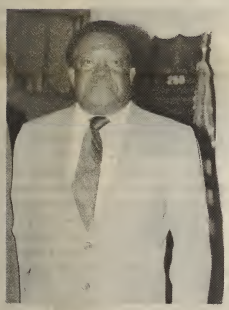
Dr. Kirby was known as the "super preacher/pastor" by many of his colleagues. At one time during his ministry he pastored two outstanding churches Zion and Red Hiss Baptist Church, Pelham, NC, and also served as Moderator of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association and the Rowan Missionary Baptist Association.

Dr. Kirby was also a leader during the era of racial desegregation in America. He and other pastors in the Reidsville vicinity worked to make Civil Rights a reality in Reidsville, and Rockingham County.

He fought a good fight and was faithful to the cause of Mission and Christian Education. His memory will remain with us forever.



Dr. E.L. Kirby



Dr. E.W. Wooten

Pastor-Moderator-Soldier Called Home

"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.
Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day; and not to me only, but unto all them, also that love his appearing."
II Timothy 4:7 and 8

On May 15, 1908, in the county of Jones and the little town of Maysville, N.C., Deacon William Wooten and Mrs. Ida Jones Wooten were blessed with a baby boy whom they named Ernest Washington Wooten. He grew and was strong, and from the early years of his life, he was a seeker as well as a reacher. He sought for higher education and goals that seemed unreachable to most. This servant of God was called from labor to reward on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at approximately 7 p.m., at Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, N.C. His upward growth started in a little one teacher school beside White Oak Church, where he attended for three years. Later, he attended the W.P. Morris Elementary School from where he graduated. This young man had a trust in his inner being that told him that there was more and he wanted it. To satisfy this thrust, or drive, he enrolled in Georgetown High School where he was a staunch and diligent worker.

Ernest was the first boy in his class who graduated with honors and as president. Still longing for more education, he enrolled at Shaw University, but the depression was so severe and work so scarce, that he was forced to drop out of college. God was still watching over him years later as he received a Doctorate degree in Theology from the Virginia College Seminary in Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Wooten's greatest ambition as a young man was to become a medical doctor, however, Our Father in Heaven does nothing wrong and is all knowing, had other plans for his son, Ernest. At age 13, he was saved and at age 15 he preached his initial sermon and was licensed in 1927 by the late Rev. M.D. Stanford.

His first pastoralship was at the Bethel Baptist Church, Merritt, N.C. after that he pastored the Reform Shiloh Baptist Church, James City, N.C., where he served for 14 years. He served and pastored in many churches: Macedonia Baptist Church, New Bern, N.C.; Bethel Baptist Church, Riverdale, N.C.; Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Stonewall, N.C.; First Baptist Church in Kellumtown; Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Messic, N.C. and Oakey Grove Baptist Church, Trenton, N.C. Every place he pastored seemed to grow with leaps and bounds with things such as renovation, memberships and most of all, spiritual growth. Surely, God was leading as well as blessing. Approximately 50 years ago he received a great surprise from the Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church — he was asked and accepted the call of Pastor. Putting God first ten years later, the wooden church was torn down and a new church was built and dedicated to God. At the beginning of his work at Sandy Run, the church had a membership of less than one hundred and today the membership, under the leadership of Rev. Wooten, is more than four hundred strong and still growing. In 1944 he was elected Vice Moderator of the Trent Oakey Grove Association and served in that capacity under the late Rev. L.R. Reese until 1953. Then he was elected Moderator.

Not only has Rev. Dr. Wooten been an asset to his family and church, but to his community, county and state as well. He was instrumental in building the Sandy Run Housing Project. In 1960 he convinced the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to come to Jacksonville. He also worked personally with Dr. Martin Luther King to operate a school for adults who could not read or write. He was elected by the state's congressman Charlie Whitley to serve as chairman of a nine county committee of the Black Caucus of North Carolina. Rev. Wooten was a member of the General Board of the Executive Board of the same organization. For many years he served as President of the planning of a march and demonstration in this same city for jobs and quality. On January 21, 1990 the rank of Captain in the Navy was bestowed upon Rev. Wooten by Command Chaplain H. M. Goetz, for his services and devotion rendered to Camp Lejeune and its military families.

Rev. Mr. Wooten was a warrior for Christ and fulfilled the "Great Commission" as instructed by God to "Feed My Sheep"; surely he was a good shepherd and fisherman of men. Now he has passed the baton on to other disciples to continue the work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

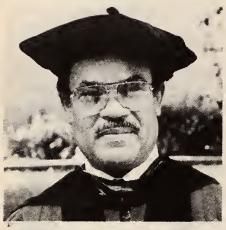
He leaves to cherish his memory and rejoice in his homegoing; his faithful, dutiful, and loving wife, Mrs. Josephine Mainor Wooten, two sons, Mahitima Sallasie, Manhatten, N.Y., and Burt Jones of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis W. Austin of Fort Lewis, Wash., and Oona Renee Wooten of the home, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ecclesiastes 3rd Chapter
Verses 1 & 2

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

From The President's Desk: Memorial To Dr. Grady Davis

(I would like to express, on behalf of the Shaw University family, my deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Grady Davis. Dr. Davis was a great soul.)

Memorial Service For Dr. Grady Davis Held at Shaw University

By Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President

A memorial service for the late Dr. Grady Davis Sr. was held on the campus of Shaw University, 12:00 noon, on Thursday, April 5, 1990.

Dr. Davis was a professor of behavioral science at Shaw University in Raleigh and was an educator, counselor, author and long-time advocate of civil rights. Sr. Davis was also Pastor of the Union Missionary Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina for the past twenty-six years. He was very active in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

As an educator, Dr. Davis spent his life teaching in the classroom and from the pulpit. He served as a professor at Shaw University, Fayetteville State University, East Carolina University and the Shaw Divinity School. At the Divinity School, he was dean from 1955-1965, and was Professor Emeritus until his death.

His professional associations included the American Psychological Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and he was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Davis was one of the area's leading civil rights advocates and activists. He marched in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march and received the key to the city of Selma in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Hicks Davis; two sons; three daughters; two brothers; and six grandchildren.



Dr. Grady Davis Sr.

Friends Of Library Meet

By Archie D. Logan, Editor

The Shaw University Friends of the Library held its Annual Dinner Banquet, Friday, April 27, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the University Student Union. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Gloria Royal Gary, Shaw alumna and Florida business executive.

Dr. Gary, who is president of Gary Enterprises in Stuart, Florida earned the M.A. Degree in Speech Pathology at N.C. Central University in Durham, North Carolina. In November, 1989, Dr. Gary received the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Shaw University.

Dr. Gary has been extensively involved in community service projects. She has achieved many honors and recognitions, Dr. Gary is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is married to Attorney Willie E. Gary, a Shaw alumna and Chairman of its Trustee Board.

The Friends of the Shaw University Library invites all to become a part of its work. For more information contact Director of Library Services, Dr. Benjamin Williams at 919/755-4800.

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The newly elected officers of the NCBSU executive committee January 26-28, 1990.



National BSU President Tracy Satterwhite from Georgia speaks at the Queen's Banquet during the NCBSU Retreat, January 26-28, 1990.



Dr. Clifford Jones preaches during the 1990 NCBSU Retreat held at the J.J. Johnson Assembly.



Mrs. Marva Baldwin makes a point following her presentation during the NCBSU Retreat January 26-28, 1990.



Dr. Lee Monroe, newly elected president of Florida Memorial College, was honored at a reception at his alma mater recently. Dr. Monroe served as Director of Development and Executive Vice-President at Shaw University before joining Governor Martin's administration as senior education adviser. At left, Dr. Monroe accepts award citation from Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University.

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'TIPS FOR CONTESTANTS"

(Please note a change in the Annual Session of the state Congress of Christian Education to Tuesday, July 31, through Thursday, Au- ^. 1990. Churches, Associations, Unions: Please prepare and send your young people to the contest.)

By Janie W. Clayton, Director

The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest gives young people, who are affiliated with the General Baptist State Convention, an opportunity to witness for Christ and, by doing so, convince others to accept Christ also. Making a speech in public will also aid young people in expressing themselves orally which is important in today's society.

Posture is important in public speaking. Walk confidently to the podium and stand tall. Do not drape yourself over the podium. Walk and speak with vitality. This feeling is usually contagious. The audience will catch it from you.

You may use a conventional form of greeting. Example: Presiding officers, members of the congress of Christian Education and to all of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the introduction, state the topic of your speech. Do not give your name or the name of your Church. Remember that your opening statement could make or break the speech. The opening sentence could be thought of as the hook you throw in to catch a bite. A good opening remark catches your audience's attention. A quotation may be used as your opening statement. It should be lively and related to your topic. Your introduction should make your listener listen, sit up and think, "This is going to be good." It is good to say something startling or surprising as an opening sentence. You may also begin with anecdotes (short stories with a moral) or a poem that relates to the topic. At that point you may tell your audience briefly (one sentence) what you are doing to cover in your talk.

As you develop your speech, you may refer to the Bible for scriptures that will support your topic. Your points to be discussed may be numbered. Strong points are first, then stronger ones and the strongest points are listed last as the high point of the speech. Transition words such as "to begin with," "furthermore" and "to conclude" give continuity and organization to the development of your speech.

Refrain from nervous gestures such as playing with a pencil or tapping on the podium. Do not race through your talk, speak distinctly. Speak with sincere feeling. Be careful about the volume. If your words are too low to reach the ears of your audience, all of your speech labors will have been to no avail.

The conclusion of your speech should sum up what has been said. It may include answers to questions such as "where do we go from here." Gestures should flow naturally. Too much action takes away from words. The right amount of gestures lends emphasis and relieves monotony.

The end of your speech is the last chance to make a good impression. Speakers sometime end speeches with a challenge, a question, a poem, quotation or anecdote.

I bid you happy speaking and have a grand time doing so. If I can be of assistance to you as you plan your speech, please feel free to contact me.

Janie W. Clayton, Director
James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest
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Subjects for Seniors:

1. Judge of all Judges
2. We Walk by Faith, Not by sight.
3. The Body: God's Temple
4. Drugs and Teen-Agers
5. Christian Responsibilities
6. Create in me a Clean Heart.
7. The Joy of Salvation
8. A New Way of Living
9. The Lord is My Shepherd.
10. Jesus, the Light of the World

Subjects for Juniors:

1. Jesus Loves Me.
2. I am Somebody.
3. Is There a Balm in Gilead?
4. Take a Stand for the Lord.
5. I am a Witness for Christ.
6. Give Your Best To The Master.
7. Showing the Christian Spirit Daily
8. Christ's Example of Love
9. It's all Right to Say No.
10. Let Your Light Shine.

Rules:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen (as of July, 1990) who are active in their churches. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students (as of July, 1990) who are active in their churches.

2. Contestants must be certified by their Training Director or Sunday School Superintendent. Please bring a black and white photo of yourself to the annual congress for news purposes.

3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.

4. Each contestant must compose and memorize the speech; notes will not be allowed.

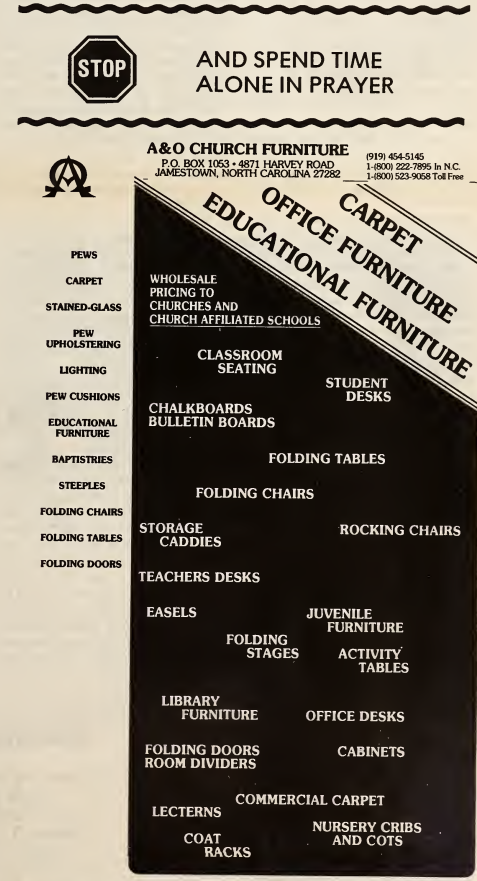
5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.

6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on personal qualities (20), material content and organization (30), delivery and presentation (30), and overall effectiveness (20).

7. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation: First place $150.00; second place $100.00; and third place $50.00. Scholarship checks are awarded upon the enrollment of the contestant at Shaw University.

8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive plaques of participation. All participants will receive certificates. Churches, Associations, and District Convention contests should precede the State Congress contest. Only one junior contestant and one senior contestant from each association will be permitted to enter the contest.

Correspond with: Mrs. Janie W. Clayton, Director of Contest, 202 Hillcrest Lane, Clayton, North Carolina 27520, 919-553-5106, Mr. Haywood McKoy, Assistant Director.



Summary of May 1990 Sunday School Lessons

By Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Associate Editor



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

May Sunday School Lesson
May 6, 1990
I John 3:11-24

John's teaching today is based on the Commandment to love one another. He wants us to know that if we are God's children, our lives will show that we belong to Him, because we will love one another. The commandment to love was not new to John's readers just as it is not new to us. This command is integral to Jesus' teachings. It is a message we hear from the beginning of any teaching of the Gospel.

Verse 12 is an example of what happens when we fail to love. John reminds us of Cain who did not love; he yielded to the influence of Satan, and became his servant. As a result of his following "the Wicked One," Cain killed Abel. We don't know the details of the murder or Cain's relationship with the Lord, but Scripture tells us that God rejected Cain's offering while accepting Abel's. Cain was jealous; jealousy is like a cancer it spreads throughout the entire person, destroying life. Jealousy ate away at Cain and he killed his brother. Are there circumstances in your life that hinder you from a closer walk with God because you do not love those around you?

Consider the hatred of the Jewish leaders against Jesus. Their hatred blinded them from seeing the truth Jesus taught. It overtook them to such an extent that they murdered Jesus. The Jewish leaders stirred up the multitudes in Jerusalem for the Passover against Jesus. John warns us that if we walk in love the world will hate us too. Jesus warned that just as the world hated Him, so the world would hate those who followed in His steps. If you are obeying God's will, you will meet resistance and rejection. Think it not strange! Persevere in God's Will! His loving arms will uphold you. Your life will be a witness of the power of God's love in you. Be not discouraged, but continue in love.

The love of God in you will burn and shine brightly if you yield yourself to it. Consequently you will demonstrate God's love to others. Love is an action word. There's an old saying, "Actions speak louder than words." When the Father said He loved us, He demonstrated it by sending Jesus to earth to suffer and die that we might have a chance to walk in fellowship with Him. Now we are called to put the love the Father has given to us in action. What we do everyday should show love. Reaching to help someone in need; supporting a friend with our time in their hour of crisis; serving meals at a homeless shelter; helping to build a house for a family who might not otherwise have one. These are all ways of showing love.

It is through love in action that we show others our commitment to the Lord and fellowman. When we do what God commands we have the assurance of His promises. Our hearts sometimes remind us of our past sins and that we are unworthy of the Lord. But when we walk with God, He sets everything in place, He makes "everything beautiful in His time" (Eccl. 3:11). Our hearts are subject to Satan's influence, but we must remember, God is faithful. If we confess our sins, He will forgive us. We must rest in His promise, stand in faith, and show others the power of God in our lives.

Our obedience draws us closer to God. Jesus told us, and John reminds us in verse 22, that we receive whatever we ask of the Lord because we are obedient. Jesus taught that all the commandments were based on two — Love God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. John pulls the two together — Believe on the name of Jesus and love one another. When we follow this commandment, we have what Jesus desired for us — to be one with God. When we give our lives to the Lord, seeking to abide in Him, He sends His Spirit to guide and direct us. Then we know what to pray for and our lives will bear the fruit that comes from the renewing of our minds through Christ. Let your light shine. Show others the power of God's abiding love in your life.

May 13, 1990
I John 4:7-21

John's letter continues with the importance of love in our lives. The hallmark of the Christian church should be love. Christians have been set apart by God, not by our doing, but because God loved us. Because the Father loved us He sent Jesus. Verse 6 calls us to remember John 3:16. God sent His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. Why? Because He Loved! And because of Jesus those who will answer God's call can become joint-heirs with Jesus. We can become children of God. As children, we must reflect the Father. If we say we know God, then we must love. There's no way around it. On the other hand, there are those who do "good deeds" and are "good people," but goodness will not get you into heaven. Jesus said, "You must be born again." The choice is yours. Jesus stands knocking at your heart, will you let Him in?

If as Christians we cannot love our fellow man, we have a problem. We need to go get reacquainted with God. You see, His very nature is love. When we yield to Him, we receive the nature of God through the Holy Spirit. Therefore we must love. "The fruit of the spirit is love" (Gal. 5:22). And as the hymns says, "They'll know we are Christians by our love." When we join the Family of God we are not servants but friends. We are to show love to one another.

Jesus is our example of love in action. Jesus' obedience to the cross atoned for us. When we accept that atoning gift, we are obligated to love one another (vv 9-10). Lip service won't do. Knowing won't do. You have to roll up your sleeves and get in the midst of your situation and love. Even if they don't love you back. Even if they talk about you. You've got to love them anyway. Even when they mistreat you, love anyway. Even if they put you off the committee, love them anyway. Jesus said, "As the Father has love me, so have I loved you, continue ye in my love" (John 15:9). No matter what you face, you can love them anyway, because "Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world."

Love doesn't mean to abuse or be abused; it isn't to mistreat or be mistreated. It means to freely give to others what God has given you. "L" Living so others can see Jesus in you; "O" owing no man anything but to love; "V" Victory over the bonds of sin; "E" Enjoying the fellowship and peace with God and our fellowman. We are God's ambassadors here on earth. We must love one another. How are you representing the Lord?

May 20, 1990
I John 5:1-15

John talks with us today about overcoming the world. Our relationship with God is founded on Love. God loved us and shared that love by sending Jesus to earth to give us the avenue to return to fellowship with Him. If we partake of that relationship, then we will keep God's commandments. And God's commandments are based on love — love for God and love for fellow man.

If we abide in God then we have victory over the world (I John 5:4). John says, "overcometh" the world which tells us in the world we will continue to be challenged; but through faith we can keep on winning over Sin, Satan, and Self. Jesus completely overcame Satan on Calvary. We only have to stand beneath the cleansing flood of Jesus' blood and be obedient to His commandments.

We grow in our relationship with God by exercising our faith and working out in love. Just as we must spend time developing our bodies, we must do the same spiritually. We must stand in the power of Jesus' victory. By ourselves we can't do it. We must look to Jesus. He is the answer. He will help us to win. So how do we know this? According to Jewish custom, 2-3 witnesses were required for a statement to be accepted as fact. John gives us some witnesses to Jesus in verses 6-12. Jesus was baptized in water at the start of His ministry, and at that time, the Father and Holy Spirit confirmed Jesus as the Son of God. At Calvary, Jesus finished the work He came to do. And if you recall the Centurion's statement, "Truly, this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39), as Jesus blood was shed for you and I. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians, and the writers of Scripture, we have still another witness that Jesus is the Answer.

Jesus is the answer to any problems we face. John's purpose for writing was to show us Jesus. John wanted to encourage us to believe in Jesus and thereby gain eternal life. Without Jesus we are sentenced to spiritual death. John goes on to give us some promises we can stand on in stormy times. If we walk according to God's Will and maintain that abiding relationship with Him, we can come to the Father in Prayer, and He will answer us.

John gives us a condition that is very important to our prayer life. We must pray according to God's Will. We sometimes think of God as a "Gimme station." "Gimme, Gimme." But v. 14 says, "if we ask anything according to His Will, he hears us." And then in v. 15 that promise gets even stronger, "And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Get to know the Lord. Spend time in fellowship with Him." Get to know the Lord. Spend time in fellowship with Him. Talk with Him in your secret closet. Study the Word. You'll not only learn more about Him, but you'll grow to love Him and then you will be able to step out in confidence to share with others that through Jesus, we can overcome the world.

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First Baptist Church Elects Boykin

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

On January 14, 1990, the members of irst Baptist Church, 101 South 'ilmington Street, elected Reverend athaniel O. Boykin full time pastor of e church. Rev. Boykin will follow the te Charles W. Ward who pastored at rst Baptist for twenty-nine years. Rev. oykin served as interim pastor after the ath of Rev. Ward.

Rev. Boykin was born in Brooklyn, ew York. The family moved to harlotte, North Carolina when he was 5 ars old. He was one older sister, two ep-brothers and two stepsisters, making m the oldest son of Josephine lexander and the late Elva Alexander.

He received his formal education in the blic schools of Charlotte. After attend- g Central Piedmont Community ollege in Charlotte, and Nyack lissionary College, Nyack, New York, matriculated at Shaw University where earned an AB degree in history and nglish. He received a Masters degree in brary science from North Carolina entral University, a Masters of Divinity om Shaw Divinity School, and a lasters of Divinity with a major in hristian Education at Southeastern heological Seminary in Wake Forest, orth Carolina.

Because of his military training, Rev. Boykin is well traveled and an experienced counselor. While stationed in Germany, he moved from company clerk to chaplain assistant. While stationed in Thailand he was promoted to staff sergeant. His move from E-1 (entry level) to E-6 took only 21 months. His travel log includes such popular stops as Great Britain, France, The Netherlands, Viet Nam, the Philippine Islands and Guam. He was discharged in Thailand in 1969.

He has pastored churches in High Point and Wake County.

Rev. Boykin wants First Baptist to be seen as a progressive, up-to-date, politically aware church whose leadership is evident throughout the community. He believes in shared leadership because all men are disciples. The pastor, therefore, would serve as a source of guidance and as a top administrator. The decision-making authority would be shared with church officers.

Having already surveyed the membership at First Baptist, he has found the congregation's main areas of concern. The members believe that more attention needs to be shown to its senior citizens, single adults and young adult populations and that the youth program needs to be expanded. He is ready to put programs in motion to address those concerns. Having gone without an active pastor since Rev. Ward, the former pastor, became severly ill, Rev. Boykin realizes that there are some big internal problems, that range from physical plant needs to general financial adjustments that have to be soon addressed.

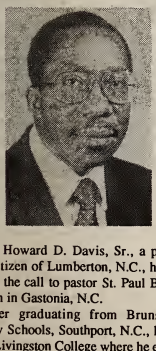
He believes that First Baptist Church must enter into the computer age. The church needs not only computerized record keeping but a membership talent data bank to be able to have on hand and readily available, talents and areas of expertise of the church members which would allow the best possible use of our most valuable resources to further the missionary work and spiritual growth of the church and of the community.

Rev. Boykin believes that he is at First Baptist for a specific purpose and that his coming and election were no accident. He is open to receive the members of this great church, the Baptist Brotherhood, God's children everywhere and the members of the Raleigh-Wake County community and to help all people to grow to be the very best they can be in spirit, mind and soul. He knows who is in control and is looking forward to reaching for and attaining goals that will cause the church and community to study, work and stretch so that real spiritual growth can take place, enabling our community to become a better place.



Reverend Nathaniel Boykin

St. Paul Baptist Church Calls Rev. Dr. Howard D. Davis, Sr.



Dr. Howard D. Davis, Sr., a promi- ent citizen of Lumberton, N.C., has ac- epted the call to pastor St. Paul Baptist hurch in Gastonia, N.C.

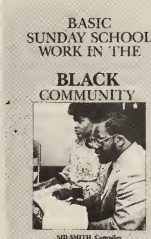
After graduating from Brunswick ounty Schools, Southport, N.C., he en- ered Livingston College where he earned a B.A. Degree in Sociology and History, but he did not stop there, he earned his Master's Degree in Administration from North Carolina Central College in Durham, N.C. He did further studies at UNC-Greensboro and Appalachian State University. After his calling to the ministry in 1978, he studied Church Administration at Urban Bible College, Detroit, Michigan where he earned the Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Before accepting the call to St. Paul Baptist, he was serving as principal of R.B. Dean Elementary School in Maxton, N.C. and pastoring at Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Laurinburg, N.C. Also, he has been very active in civic, political, fraternal and religious affairs in the county.

He is married to the former Mildred Thompson and they are the parents of six children.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Jeffries Cross Calls Pastor

By J. Vincent Terry, Associate Editor

The Jeffries Cross Missionary Baptist Church of Burlington, NC, is pleased and excited as they welcome their newly-elected Pastor, the Reverend Doyle J. Thomas Jr.

The service of installation will be held on Sunday, June 3, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jeffries Cross Sanctuary. The Reverend Dr. Doyle Thomas Sr. will deliver the installation sermon, and he will be accompanied by the music department of the Loyal Baptist Church of Danville, VA.

Pastor-elect Thomas is a graduate of Shaw Divinity School, holding the Bachelor of Theology Degree. He is active in many civic and religious organizations. Reverend Thomas is a member of the General Baptist State Convention Evangelism Committee.

Rev. Thomas comes to Jeffries Cross Baptist Church from the Callands Baptist Church, Chatham, VA, where he served as Senior Pastor for the past three years.



Rev. Doyle Thomas Jr.

Dr. Oscar L. Hill Accepts Call At Saint John, Falkland

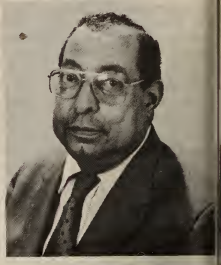
By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

Saint John Missionary Baptist Church of Falkland, installed the Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Hill, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, as Pastor on Sunday, December 10, 1989.

Rev. Alonza Mills, Pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Vanceboro, NC presided at the service. The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Hammond, Pastor of the Mount Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Williamston, NC, delivered the installation sermon. Music was provided by the Pitt County Mass Choir.

Participants in the program included Reverend Albert Rogers; Dr. Howard Parker; Reverend J.L. Farmer; Reverend E.R. McNair; Reverend Melvin Walker; Deacon Charlie Dupree, Chairman of the Deacon Board at Falkland; Deacon Billy Boyd; Brother Thomas Council; Sister Viola Vines; and Mother Viola Wooten.

Dr. Hill is married to Conelius Hill.



Dr. Oscar L. Hill

He is a graduate of Indiana Christi University with a B.Th. Degree; als Clarksville School of Theology with M.Th. Degree. He continued his studi at Clarksville School of Theology ar graduated with a Th.D. Degree.

Friendship Baptist Church Burns Mortgage and Celebrates Pastor's First Anniversary

By Mr. Boanthony Stillwell, Regional Editor

The pastor and congregation of Friendship Baptist Church of Gastonia, NC observed their mortgage burning on Sunday, March 25, 1990.

Friendship was on November 18, 1918 by 33 Christians who came together to form a much needed church fellowship. The church has had many pastors who were dedicated leaders of the church.

The first church was destroyed by fire. It was replaced with an edifice that served well until a new $600,000 structure replaced it August, 1983.

The Pastor and members hope to move in a new direction with the help of God; their next project will include the development of a family life center, which will be built on the spot where the old building was located. Some of the proposed uses for the Center will include an after-school program; a religious library; recreational facilities; a computer center; and a theatrical production center. God has blessed Friendship.

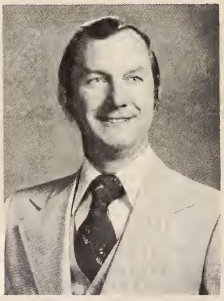
The present Pastor, the Reverend John A. McCullough Jr., believes firmly that the fulfilling of an individual's spiritual and physical needs should begin at the church. Rev. McCullough celebrated his first anniversary Sunday, April 22, 1990.

In his first year Rev. McCullough has demonstrated his spiritual leadership ability and truly is doing the Lord's work.

The anniversary services were led by the Reverend C. David Stackhouse and the congregation of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Reverend McCullough, his wife, Dekota G. McCullough, and their children; Jonathan and Jessica were honored with gifts from the church and auxiliaries. The celebration closed with a reception.

Cooper Announces Cooperative Ministries and Seminary Extension Calendar



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1. The annual **Week of Christian Study and Fellowship** at Mars Hill College, July 2-6, 1990. The minister and his whole family are invited. The only cost is your meal ticket.

2. **The Ninth Annual Bivocational Ministers' Conference** at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro, July 20-22, 1990. The total cost for six meals and a room for two nights is $20.00 per person **(non-refundable).** Sorry, no plans are made for children. A private room is $40.00 for two nights.

3. **Super Summer '90 at Carowinds!** Baptist have reserved two days at Carowinds, July 26-27, 1990. Tickets will cost only $9 for one day. You will receive a Registration/Publicity Packet from our Division of Evangelism in April.

4. A third **Southern Baptist Conference for Black Baptist Churches,** November 30-December 1, 1990, at the Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro. The total cost for three meals and a room is $20.00 per person **(non-refundable). ADULTS ONLY!** A private room is $30.00 (Note: This conference utilizes Southern Baptist materials and personnel.)

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Phillips Chapel Baptist Church Celebrates Groundbreaking and Site Dedication Services

By Reverend Ray L. Watlington, Contributing Editor

Groundbreaking and Site Dedication Services were held recently for construction of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church. The new facility will be located at the corner of Glenn Ave. and Trade Streets in Winston-Salem, NC. In his 2-1/2 year tenure, Pastor Ray L. Watlington has continually echoed his motto: "Pastor + People = Progress." Through God's grace and with mutual support our building endeavor is now become a reality. We have been challenged and encouraged to: "Let Us Go Up And Possess The Land."



Rev. and Mrs. Ray L. Watlington



Deacon Board Chairman, Mr. Barney Williams takes his turn in turning soil during groundbreaking services.



New Site of Phillips Chapel Church

Past Moderator Honored

By Mrs. Colene B. Stanley, Contributing Editor



Reverend N.B. Benjamin

The Brunswick-Waccamaw Association recently honored Rev. Nathaniel B. Benjamin, Past Moderator of their Association with a Testimonial Dinner at the Whiteville City School Board Civic Center on Saturday, February 3, 1990. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Leo Williams, Director of Religious Education for the General Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Williams centered his message around the theme "The Man Nathaniel."

Rev. N.B. Benjamin has been pastoring for over fifty years. Most of this time was spent pastoring churches of the Brunswick-Waccamaw Association. He has served this Association very well in a number of positions including President of the Union, Vice Moderator and Moderator of the Association. He was presented a plaque and other gifts of love and appreciation for his dedicated service. Various auxiliary heads have tributes in honor of his service.

Rev. N.B. Benjamin is married to Mrs. Dorothy Benjamin and they have three children. The Benjamins reside in Elizabethtown, N.C.

Rev. Thurman L. Chestnutt, present moderator, presented the plaque to Rev. Benjamin, with gratitude of his work in the Association. He encouraged him to continue to support the association and its efforts.

Rev. Benjamin is currently pastoring the New Light Baptist Church, Hallsboro, N.C. and the Iron Hill Baptist Church, Tabor City, N.C.

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4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
10-12 Usher's Annual Session Winston-Salem, New Bethel Baptist
21 All-Baptist Picnic Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
23 Woman's Convention Executive Board Meeting (During Convention)
23-26 Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem, NC Host: Dr. J. Ray Butler Shiloh Baptist Church
31-Aug. 2 Annual Session Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC

AUGUST 1990

2-4 Laymen's Summer Retreat Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
4-5 Central Children's Home Annual Alumni Reunion Oxford, N.C.
6-9 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Louisville, KY
19 Youth Go To College Day
25, 28-31 Registration Shaw Divinity School
26 Sunday School Promotion Day
27-31 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Columbus, OH Trinity Baptist Church, Host

Ushers To Hold Annual Session July 10-12, 1990 At New Bethel Baptist Church Winston-Salem, NC

By Cleveland Griffin, President

Dear Co-Laborer in Christ:

We give thanks to God always for you, we are making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love.

If it is the Lord's will, we should be making preparations to come together at our Annual Session to be held at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1016 North Trade Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, July 10, 11, 12, 1990. Ushers march will begin Wednesday morning July 11th at 9:00 a.m. — Ladies in white and men in dark suits.

Our Banquet will be held Wednesday, July 11th. Registration will begin Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. The cost is $3.00 per person.

Our sincerest and warmest appreciation to all of you. May the Lord continue to bless you richly during the new year of 1990.

Directions: To New Bethel Baptist Church: Traveling Interstate 40 exit on Cherry, follow Cherry Street to Sixth Street, turn right on Sixth Street, go one block to Trade Street, turn left onto Trade Street go four blocks and you will see the church on the left.



Mr. Cleveland Griffin
President, GBSC Ushers

Traveling 52 — Take Interstate 40, exit on Cherry, same as above.

For Hotel — Follow Cherry Street to 30th Street and see Holiday Inn on left.

Signed Cleveland Griffin

Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention

July 22-26, 1990

Deadline for receipt: June 22, 1990

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Room Rates (Including Tax)

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1990 Congress of Christian Education

By Dr. Leo Williams, Director Christian Education GBSC

The annual session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Christian Education will meet with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, July 31 through August 2, 1990. The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Walker is pastor of the church.

Please observe the change to an earlier date in order to make convenience for the World Baptist Congress meeting in Korea in August.

Some highlights of our State Congress are: Ten classes; four workshops; four sermons; the Oratorical Contest on Wednesday afternoon; greetings; and recognitions. Certificates will be awarded to class attendants who attend three classes. Certificates of appreciation will be awarded to churches that contribute at least two hundred dollars for the year.

Please make preparation for your youth and adults to attend.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Fellow Pastors, Moderators, President of District Conventions and members of the Baptist Family:

The Mid-Year Session of our General Baptist State Convention held recently with the Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, hosted by the Pastor, Dr. Chubbs and members, is now history. History can testify that it was among the greatest sessions that we have had. We exceeded our financial goal of more than one hundred thousand dollars, for which we are appreciative. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out to all of the pastors, churches, and individuals for helping to make the mid-Year Session a big success. I am fully convinced that when we "attempt great things for the Lord, we can expect great things from the Lord." My deep appreciation goes out to all of the participants who played well their part on the program.

Our Convention is one of the greatest black Baptist convention not only in the state, but also in the nation and the world. However, we must continue to work hard to keep so. As we look, forward to the close of our fiscal year August 31, 1990, we know that there is much more to be done, and many goals to be reached. Many of you have led your churches to give more than half of their quota; many of you have led your churches to give one half and many of you have not reached the half way mark, and many of you have not led your churches to give anything for State Missions and the other objectives.

As we work together in an effort to reach our financial goals and objectives, we urge you to lead your church to meet their suggested quota on or before August 31, 1990. We would like for you to send monthly contributions to our office in order for us to meet our financial monthly bills.

As we move into the final months of our fiscal year June, July, and August, we strongly urge you to put forth every effort to honor your suggested quotas for the objectives: Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Children's home on or before August 31, 1990.

The month of June is designated for Shaw University. We would like for you to send the balance of your quota for Shaw University on or before the 30th of June, which is the close of the fiscal year for Shaw University.

The month of July is designated for Foreign Missions and the Divinity School. We urge you to send the balance of your quota for Foreign Missions on or before July 31st, which is the close of the fiscal year for Foreign missions. Also, we would like for you to send the balance of your suggested quota for the Shaw Divinity School on or before the 31st of July. If you have not responded to the five dollars special effort per member for the Divinity School, we urge you to do so before the end of July. The Divinity School is in need of our dedicated support in order to train the leadership in the pulpits of the churches of our Convention in the state.

The month of August is designated for State Missions and the Central Children's Home. We urge you to send the balance of your quotas for State Missions and the Central Children's Home on or before the 31st of August, 1990.

We must remember that no structure can long survive without a solid foundation, the foundation undergirding our Convention is the local churches. The pastors are the glue that hold the foundation together. Without the strong support of the pastors our Convention could never be what it is today.

Many thanks to you for what you have done in the past; for what you are doing now, and for what I know you will continue to do resulting from your commitment and dedication to the Lord's work.

Planning to Grow in Giving

Growth is a natural part of our lives. We are constantly referring to it. "Oh, the grass needs mowing again!" "The flowers are growing so nicely; look how pretty they are." "See how large those trees have grown to be." What about the children? "How they have grown!" "They're outgrowing all their clothes; you can almost see them growing."

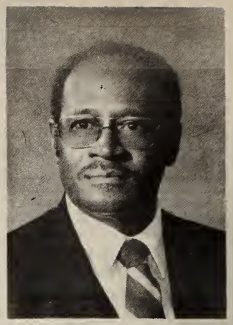
Growth! We're growing; communities and cities are growing; the world is growing in numbers of people.

Growth must be met with growth. From a Christian perspective, the growing population demands growth in Christ's mission and Christian ministries. Growth is Christians' response to a growing population and people's needs can be as natural as other kinds of growth. It is no wonder that a major theme of the New Testament is growth. "But growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18, KJV). Spiritual growth makes growth in Christian ministries more likely.

One way the Philippian Christians expressed their spiritual growth was through in giving. After they had given Paul financial support for his mission work, he wrote acknowledging their gift. "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound your account" (Phil. 4:17).

Paul is saying to the Philippians, "I'm grateful that you gave me the money because you needed to give it." Their giving expressed their growth in Christ.

Growth in giving happens when we plan to grow. The best plan for growth in giving is a percentage growth each year. Suppose you are giving $30 per week through your church. If you make about $500 per week, you're giving six percent of your income. The question is this: "Is six percent an adequate expression of your Christian witness?" "But I just can't give ten percent right now" is an often heard statement. "Well, how about growing in giving to 6-1/2 percent next year?" "I believe we could give $32.50 per week." With a one-half of one percent growth in giving per year for fifteen years, a person could grow from six percent giving to 13 1/2 percent. Such a small step-by-step increase is possible for most Christians.



Dr. C.C. Craig

But what a difference our small growth in giving could mean when added to the growing in giving of other Christians! Our growth in giving can make a difference in whether or not we reach our world for Christ in the next fifteen years.

That's what Christ assigned us to do: "Go ye therefore; and teach all nations' (Matt. 28:19).

Forthcoming Events

The State Usher's Convention will be in its Annual Session on July 10-12, 1990 at the New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Jerry Drayton is the pastor. Each church is asked to represent with one hundred and fifty dollars, which is the total amount that each church is asked to give per year for the Ushers'. If your church has given a

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(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By
Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



Choosing a College

Spring is here, and plans for summer vacation are filling the thoughts of rising high school juniors and seniors. But filling their mailboxes is a burgeoning pile of glossy slick college brochures, reminding them of an important decision that lies ahead. Experts advise that despite the seasonal distractions, now is the time for rising juniors and seniors to think about what college many will want to enter just a little over a year from now.

By the end of September, rising seniors should know which five or six schools they want to apply to, so summer is an important time for finding out, according to Ted O'Neill, dean of admissions at the University of Chicago. O'Neill knows how intimidating the mail stack is. "They don't even have time to open it all, let alone read it," he says, and he offers some helpful advice to students trying to make up their minds.

First, students should take advantage now of those resources available over the summer and into the fall. Counselors and favorite teachers, especially those in advanced courses, can give information that goes beyond the statistics found in college guidebooks, O'Neill says.

Students will then want to make sure they have the brochures — called viewbooks — from 20 to 25 schools that interest them. Videotapes are available from some colleges. But the most valuable source of information about a college, O'Neill says, is its catalog. "The catalog shows the true size of the faculty and who is really teaching. It shows how deep the departments are by how many courses they offer. And it shows you the school's academic requirements."

O'Neill suggests that students will have more flexibility if they look at the quality of the entire institution, rather than just one part, since many students will eventually change their minds about careers and majors. He says they should look for "general strength and a congenial atmosphere."

Summer is a good time for students to visit a few campuses, O'Neill says, "to see how they are treated by the admissions office and if the facilities are as promised." An interview, if it can be arranged, can provide a wealth of information. "A lot of schools don't interview at all anymore," he says. "But there is something very gratifying in two people sitting down together. I think students like that — it's a two-way conversation to learn about each other." He says students should feel free to ask any questions about the institution, and in turn be prepared to talk about what interests them.

O'Neill warns that students shouldn't whittle down their "long list" of colleges hastily. For instance, they shouldn't rule out schools based on published tuition figures, because most colleges offer financial aid that may greatly reduce the final cost. Some colleges — including the University of Chicago — will agree to meet the family's full demonstrated need of assistance. "Students don't know how much a school will cost until they see a financial aid statement," O'Neill says. "Loans, jobs and outright grants will defray the final cost to the family."

Finally, O'Neill advises juniors to enjoy the search, but to work hard. Over the summer, he suggests reading and writing to prepare for the essay questions on college applications. "Keeping a journal or writing introspective themes will help when they are called upon to write about themselves." And next fall, he says, their choice of senior courses is "more important than they think. Many schools look at their schedules to see if they are taking the best courses. We want students who continue to challenge themselves."

Let me encourage rising juniors and seniors to consider Shaw University, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, NC 27611, 919/725-4800, plan now to visit the campus and meet with teachers, administrators and students.

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General Baptist Amend Constitution

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

The Constitution Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has been charged by the convention to study the constitution, to study the constitution and amend, or recommend changes where necessary.

The Chairman of the Committee Dr. J.R. Manley invited written and signed recommendations from members of the convention, and that they be sent to Dr. Manley, located at 101 Apple Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, or to 603 Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

With all recommendations considered the committee will make its report in two parts. The first part of the report contains the one item given notice on May 7, 1989, at the Mid-Year Session in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Dr. J.R. Manley, put the proposed change before the body and it was adopted by voice vote.

Article III E Auxiliaries
Present
1. Woman's
2. Men's
3. Ushers
4. Sunday School and Baptist Training Union and any others it deems necessary.

*****Proposed: (newly adopted change May 10, 1990)**
1. Woman's
2. Men's
3. Ushers'
*4. State Congress of Christian Education
**5. Ministers' Council

The second part of the report consists of other amendments.

The committee gives notice of the following amendments:

1. That within the framework of the constitution of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., that in the year of 1994, all Auxiliaries will elect officers at their Annual Session for a four (4) year term.



Dr. J.R. Manley

*Approved October, 1988
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"Our Annual Session"



By Executive Secretary Brodie

106 Annual Session Events

Our annual session will meet in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center, where the Shiloh Baptist Church will serve as host, along with her pastor, Dr. J. Ray Butler. We ask that you begin praying and making preparations to attend and participate in this celebration.

Please come on Monday and remain until Thursday. Among the many activities of the session are:

1. Shiloh Baptist Church is to present a Pre-Conventional Musical on Sunday, July 22, 1990, at Shiloh, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning at the Benton Convention Center.
3. The Executive Board meeting will begin Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Hyatt Hotel.
4. At 1:45 p.m. is the General Board meeting, which is also in the Hyatt Hotel.
5. The Pre-Convention banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may secure tickets ($17.00 each) from the office of the Woman's Convention now.
6. The Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth will meet in the Convention Center.
7. President Johnson will give her annual address on Wednesday morning. Please dress in white.

Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

Memorandum

To: The Sisters and Friends of our Convention
From: The Executive Secretary-Treasurer
RE: Reservations for the Convention (July) and Banquet Tickets
DATE: January 13, 1990

This year during July 23-26, 1990, will be the 106th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, at which time Shiloh Baptist Church, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor, will be the host church. The headquarters for the Woman's Convention is the Hyatt which is right across the street from the Civic Center. However, other hotels have been made available in order to have ample housing.

Seniors who will accompany the youth are asked to stay in the same hotel as the youth so that they can be supervised properly.

Please return the application to the address given on the application.

If you desire to share a room with one or more persons, place all the names on the same application and enclose them in brackets. The confirmation is to be mailed to only one person.

Please notice that the deadline for applications is **June 22, 1990.** Thus do hurry and get in your reservations.

Banquet tickets ($17.00 each) are now available at the office. The Woman's Convention's banquet will be Monday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m.

If there are questions, please contact the Woman's Convention's office.

Signed Priscilla A. Brodie

Housing Reservations Application Form

Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention

July 22-26, 1990

Deadline for receipt: June 22, 1990

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Reminders

OBJECTIVES. Please do not forget our pledged support to our objectives: *Foreign Missions* — $40,000.00; *Central Children's Home* — $31,000.00; *Shaw University* — $44,000.00; *Shaw Divinity School* — $30,000.00; *State Missions* — $386,599.99; *Baptist Assemble* — $15,000.00, resulting in a total budget of approximately $547,000.00. Let us pray, work, and give sacrificially.

MISSIONS PRAYER DAY. If the president or special worker of your county union has not received free prayer materials from the office of the Woman's Convention for Missions Prayer Day on Saturday, June 27, 1990, please contact the office immediately. If the county does not have a union, individual churches may band together and share in this effort. The desire is that missionaries and friends of missions all across the state will be in prayer services, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION (USA) PRE-REGISTRATION. The Woman's Convention Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., along with its parent body, will convene in Los Angeles, CA. If you desire to pre-register, please send to our office and secure the registration material. Please return the filled out pre-registration form(s), along with the funds, to this office by July 11, 1990. Make your check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention. These funds will be sent to the NBC, USA, W. Aux. This will prevent your having to stand too long in lines.

A Challenge To Christian Leaders

By Augusta White, Associate Editor
(See photographs on page 6)

Approximately one thousand persons from across North Carolina attended the 20th Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop sponsored by the Woman's Baptist State Convention, at the Civic Center in Raleigh, Saturday, April 7, 1990. Mrs. Maggie M. White, Second Vice President, presided. Mrs. White stated that we are privileged to come from the East, South, North and West of this great state to become equipped to carry out the work of this great Convention. The theme of the workshop is "The Challenge for Christian Leadership." With this in mind I open this meeting in joy and love for all mankind.

The tone for the workshop was set by the inspirational devotion led by Ms. Georgia Thompson, Worship Chairman. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Clara Ballentine and the theme presentation was given by Mrs. R.N. Lockhart. Mrs. Lockhart stated that Christians must exert themselves to bring people to Christ. In Christ's day He challenged people. Jesus challenged people to follow Him.

As leaders you are

1. Challenged to grow.
2. Challenged for fulfillment
3. Challenged to inspire
4. Challenged to contribute

Greetings — President Eva H. Johnson.

"Bless be the tide that binds us together in Christian love. It is due to the goodness of God that we are here today. As I look at each of you I think of a great dreamer. I think of the dreams and progress you bring to each of our activities. I am not a renowned dreamer, but I think back to the beginning of our Convention and the accomplishments made by this Convention through the years. I have a dream that we will have people from all over North Carolina saying, 'Here am I send me.' I dream of a network of individuals all over North Carolina, individuals we have not had before. I have a dream that our youth will be an example for youth all over the world. I have a dream that as we work together God will bless us."

Perspectives — Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "We are making plans for our Youth Bible Camp, our Leadership Training Conference and Annual Session. Dr. Ross, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, will be the Pre-Convention Banquet speaker."

Mrs. Maggie M. White, presented Dr. J.B. McLester, a Past President, to be moderator of the workshop session in the absence of Mrs. Novella Whitted.

I. **Effective Leaders** — Mrs. Shirley Bullock, First Vice President. You want to be the best leader you can be. Twelve P's of Leadership are:

1. Be prepared. We can't teach what we don't know.
2. Planning. Plan for the work of God like we plan for our occupation.
3. Be prompt and punctual. Keep meetings going. Begin and end on time.
4. Be persistent. Push, pull and remind.
5. Be patient. Be a good listener, have a good attitude.
6. Be pleasant, courteous, loving and cooperative.
7. Be a promoter. Promote special programs and good Christian talent. Have good relationship in the home, good stewardship of our time, money and energy.
8. Be progressive.
9. Be a participant.
10. Be a proclaimer.
11. Pray. Pray daily.
12. Promise. A direct path.

II. **Objectives.** Dr. Georgia Turner, Past President and Chairperson of the Executive Board.

It's a blessing for me to be here with you this morning. God's been so good to us. He brought us here safely. Our objectives are:

1. Shaw University
2. Shaw Divinity School
 Training, religious education and training.
3. Foreign Missions. Build and support schools, evangelize the world through us. We support Foreign Missions through the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.
4. State Missions. Internal and external expenses of our Convention.
5. Central Children's Home in Oxford. Provides a home for children growing up in an atmosphere of love and caring.
6. J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. A retreat area for our Baptist family.

We don't rest when we talk about our objectives.

III. **Programs.** Dr. Luella D. Edwards, immediate Past President. The Woman's Convention has a well rounded program. These programs are aimed for us to grow.

1. Prayer seasons. Plan for united prayer. Pray in season and out of season.
 a. State Missions — Month of January
 b. National Mission — Month of February
 c. Foreign Missions — Month of April
 d. Family (pray for family) month of August
 e. Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School — Month of October.

If you have a special program during these months and you have an offering, please send money to our office. We have to learn to share.

2. State Leaders' Workshop — provides atmosphere for learning.
3. Missionary Training Institute.
4. Missionary Mass meetings — Three departments come together.
5. Youth — Bible Camp. Youth Inspirational Week and Youth Evangelism.

IV. **Youth and Young Adults** — Mrs. Julias McDonald, Fourth Vice President and immediate Past Director of the Young Adult Department. The Young Adult Department is composed of young women and men. The main goal is to win souls for Christ. Work together to develop leadership skills and to organize a Young Adult Department in every Missionary Baptist church in North Carolina.

The Youth Department provides activities so youth grow into Christians. Whatever you do in training our Youth and Young Adults, put Christ first.

V. **Forms and Reporting** — Dr. Thelma C. Horton, Past President. Promote systematic giving in every circle, auxiliary and church in North Carolina among our Baptist family. Keep a record which includes time and money. We are not only interested in your money, but we are interested in your services. The contributions are given to support the objectives of our Convention. Quarters should be followed for sending money by all 3 departments if you want to be an A-1 Circle, Union or Auxiliary. You must report quarterly. Give your money on an orderly basis. Try to send some money undesignated so the office can place it where it's needed.

VI. **Soul Winning** — Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, President. Bringing a soul to Christ is an important job. It is the job of every Christian to bring souls to Christ. The job is too full for just women, but it needs all Christians to help with the labor of winning lost souls. We must go to God in prayer and help in winning souls to Christ.

1. We should show the lost persons they are sinners and they have a soul to save.
2. Show sinners the price of sin.
3. Show that Jesus loves him and paid the debt on the cross for all. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. . .
4. You must receive Christ by Faith.

VII. **Summary and Questions** — Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, Past President and Executive Secretary Emeritus, assisted by Dr. W.B. Lewis, Pastor of First Cosmopolitan, and Vice President At Large of the General Baptist State Convention, entertained questions:

Departmental Highlights

Mrs. Colene Stanley, Young Adult Director. Training in Leadership and Stewardship. Emphasis was placed on "Christ in Every Home." Be committed and have a prayer life as directed by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Leaders cannot lead where they will not go and cannot teach what they do not know. There were 250 Young Adults and Directors present and we collected $286.32.

Mrs. Barbara Hewett, Youth Supervisor. We had a large number of Youth in attendance. They were taught directly from the new handbook by the supervisors.

Dr. Brodie, explained the finance sheet which was passed out. The report was for six months. The budget is $546,599.99. Amount sent to the office is $157,696.75. Amount needed to meet budget is $388,903.24.

Dr. W.B. Lewis, presented Dr. W.E. Lytle, Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church, Hickory, for the message. He spoke from Mark 8:27th, "And Jesus went out with his disciples, into the town of Caesarea Philippi; and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, whom do men say that I am?" Anything that's of value costs you something. It costs you to go to school, to buy a house, to run a church or a convention. We can get almost anything we want for a price. Wherever Jesus was, He was not a receiver. Everything Jesus said and did He told the truth. As a leader He did not say that the road would be easy. He said it would cost you something. You will cry before you leave here; You must suffer some pain before you leave, but, you will not be alone. He had told His disciples that He would die but would rise again in three days.

What does it cost to be a real Christian Leader?

Renunciation, dedication and imitation — Do not be so concerned about who you are or where you are going. Some have the attitude if I can't run it I will tear it up. Let man deny himself and take up his cross. I don't know what your cross is but stop dragging it. We are not lifting Him up we are dragging Him. Some of us are so dedicated to friendship that we forget about Christ. If you are so holy, why don't you lift Him up? Not only are we to renounce our sins, dedicate ourselves, but imitate. Take up your cross and follow Him. God does not tell you to follow someone else but to follow Christ. Christ is our redeemer. Christ says follow me. Ways to imitate: Jesus went to church regularly. He studied regularly. He knew what it was to pray all night. Before He selected the twelve disciples, He went to the mountain in prayer. He accepted people as they were. We have a tendency to look down our nose at some folks. God accepted everyone regardless of how they looked. Search your own hearts and ask is there any bitterness in my heart for anyone. Have you dedicated yourself to God?

The music was furnished by the choir from Morning Star Baptist Church, Hickory. The benediction was given by Dr. Lytle.



BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

WOMEN'S PAGE Continued



L to R: WBH & FMC President Mrs. Eva Johnson; Former Pres. and Exec. Sec.-Treas. Berthenia D. Horne; Director of Y. Adult Colene B. Stanley; Assoc. Dir. of Young Adult Jerrye Griffin; Supervisor Barbara T. Hewett; 2nd V. Pres. Maggie White; Exec. Sec. Treas. P.A. Brodie.



Dr. Webster E. Lytle, Pastor, Morning Star Baptist Church, Hickory, N.C., Session, Preacher.



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Women's Retreat and Conference at Shaw Divinity School

By Reverend Helen McLaughlin

The fourth annual Women's Retreat and Conference will be held on the Campus at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 28-30, 1990. Registration will begin on Thursday, June 28, 1990 at 1:00 p.m.

The theme this year is "Conflict and Consciousness: Ministry and Family Life." This Retreat will give us the opportunity to talk woman to woman, man to man or woman to man and man to woman concerning family issues in relations to ministry. The whole family can be involved in this retreat, even singles in ministry!

The Reverend Queen Bass Penny, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lillington, North Carolina is the Retreat Preacher. Rev. Penny is a renown preacher and educator. She has earned a Master of Divinity Degree from the Shaw Divinity School. Rev. Penny will be preaching Friday evening, June 29th and Saturday afternoon, June 30th.

Registration fee for the retreat is $450.00. This includes all programs, banquet on Thursday night and lunch on Friday and Saturday. You will be responsible for your own room and other meals. You may receive further information concerning housing accommodations by contacting the Innkeeper Hotel at 832-0521 or 1-800-822-9899. Please let the hotel know that you are making reservations for the June Women's Retreat at Shaw Divinity School. Please call Rev. Helen McLaughlin at 919-832-1069 for further information.

In Memory of Doctor Grady Davis

By Rev. Dr. W.R. Burston, Pastor

The Pastor, Officers, Members and Friends of the Faithful Band Missionary Baptist Church, hereby donate $500.00 in memory of Dr. Grady Davis to Shaw Divinity School. We here hold Shaw Divinity School in high esteem for we all realize the importance of religious education through those who have and are now attending the Divinity School.

Doctor Davis will always be remembered for the outstanding job and the contributions that he has given to the school of learning. We consider him a man among many and we also realize that a great man has fallen. He has been missed and will continue to be missed from the rank of those who live.

Therefore, the Faithful Band Church family will continue to pledge our support to the Shaw Divinity School.

Doctor Davis was a member of our church in good standing and one that will be missed for his guidance, concern and his leadership ability that he contributed in our church. We will continue to pray for the entire Davis family that God will continue to keep them through this life.



Dr. W.R. Burston

As I forestated Shaw will not only be on our minds but in our hearts as well. Therefore, we will continue to give the school our continued loyal support and thank God for the fine job that is being done at Shaw and for the fine leadership of the school.

P&G Says Rumor Mongers Beware

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

CINCINNATI, April 23/PRNewswire/ — The Proctor & Gamble Company (NYSE: PG) today announced it is intensifying efforts to identify and to bring lawsuits against individuals who continue to spread false and malacious statements and printed flyers wrongfully associating P&G with satanism.

These preposterous lies have been circulating for about ten years, and recently have resurfaced primarily in southern and southeastern U.S. States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Proctor & Gamble security forces are tracking all leads and company intends to file suit against persons identified as spreaking these outrageous lies. The company has established a toll-free security hot line number (1-800-331-3774) for use by anyone who can provide specific leads on persons spreading these falsehoods. They are asking for the public to help in identifying those spreading these lies.

P&G Executive Vice President Gerald V. Dirvin said, "This is a serious insult to our company's good reputation and we will take appropriate steps, including these legal remedies, to bring an end to these vicious lies."

Commenting on the falsehoods wrongfully associating P&G with satanism, Dr. Jerry Vines, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "I do not believe it is proper for those who claim to be Christians to participate in unwarranted and reckless accusations. Such does great harm to the Christian faith and also to The Proctor & Gamble Company."

The falsehoods typically claim that a P&G executive discussed satanism on a nationally televised talk show and that P&G's corporate "moon and stars" trademark is a satanic symbol. In fact, no one from P&G has ever appeared on the program, and the company's 108-year-old trademark features a man-in-the-moon figure and 13 stars to honor the original American colonies. The trademark represents P&G and P&G only.

P&G has answered more than 150,000 calls and letters about these false stories during the past ten years. Calls and letters peaked in 1982 and again in 1985. At that time, statements of support came from prominent religious leaders and lawsuits were successfully filed against a number of individuals who were spreading the lies. As a result, calls dropped sharply, and the problem seemed under control. However, in recent weeks, P&G is receiving 300-350 calls per day regarding these untruths.

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A Profile Of Excellence: C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines

From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

Archie D. Logan, Jr.

Several weeks ago I was privileged to share in "A Tribute to C.E. 'Bighouse' Gaines," Athletic Director and Head Basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University. Coach Gaines has won 806 basketball games. Only Adolph Rupp of Kentucky has won more. Gaines is a sports legend and a leading Black male role model.

As a young boy I remember how my father, the Reverend Dr. A.D. Logan, Sr., took me to see the mighty Shaw Bears play the Winston-Salem State Rams back in the early 1960s. It was at these games that I first saw Coach "Bighouse" Gaines. For over thirty years I have followed the CIAA Basketball League. While a student at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem I worked with Coach Gaines in a summer youth program for disadvantaged children of Winston-Salem, "Athlete-To-Resident."

In a time when Black leaders and role models are being attacked in every area of our society Coach Gaines continues to promote excellence in sports and higher education for African-American youth. Coach Gaines was one of the first Coaches and Athletic Directors to emphasize to his players that academics are more important than athletics. Many of the young men who played basketball for Coach Gaines went on to be coaches, preachers, teachers, recreation workers, professional athletes, businessmen, and, most of all, good solid citizens.



C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines

It's not just the young men that have been influenced by Coach Gaines. As a teacher, and Director of Athletics at Winston-Salem State University Coach Gaines has helped young women as well. He cares about young people, and encourages them to work hard, get their degrees, and become responsible productive citizens.

Many of our General Baptist State Convention Pastors and constituents praised the success of Coach Gaines. Reverend Dr. John Mendez, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church and First Vice President of the GBSC said: "I have known Coach Bighouse Gaines for many years, he has done so much for Winston-Salem, the nation, and sports. His 806 basketball victories are a milestone of courage, commitment, character, and steadfastness."

Reverend Daryl Robinson, Pastor, Union Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina who lives in Winston-Salem said: "As a former collegiate athlete I was inspired by the intensity that Coach Gaines went about the task of developing student/athletics. . .He demonstrates a command of the discipline and is a towering sports genius."

Ben Ruffin, a General Baptist and Vice President of Corporate Affairs for RJR Robacco Company headquartered in Winston-Salem said, "This event and tribute is significant not only to Winston-Salem State University, but Coach Gaines is a symbol and role model of excellence of what African-Americans can accomplish despite the odds."

Dr. Caroline Lattimore, a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, and Dean of Minority Affairs, Duke University commented, "I have grown-up with Coach Gaines and his family, he has had a great influence on my life and professional maturity. . .Coach demands the best of those around him."

Coach Gaines is married to Clara Berry Gaines, they are the parents of two adult children: Lisa Gaines McDonald and Clarence E. Gaines, Jr. The Gaines' family is a member of the Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

It is rare in our lifetimes that we have an opportunity to know and be associated with persons who are the "absolute best" at their chosen professions. Coach Gaines should be congratulated for his success and contributions to African-American society. He has given us so much to rejoice about.

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In Memoriam

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor



In Memory Of The Rev. L.J. Wallace

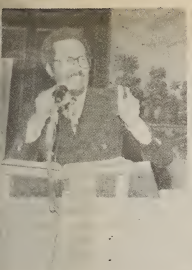
The Rev. L.J. Wallace was a man who cared about people. He had a supportive nature, loving character and a genuine concern for his fellow man. He will be long remembered as a faithful Christian and a strong, civic-minded community leader. With the support of his wife and family, he began his career of winning souls for the Lord in 1959, when he accepted the pastorate at the Macedonia Baptist Church, located in the Lincoln Heights Community of Charlotte, North Carolina. With his new church, the Reverend Wallace saw more than a church and a congregation. He saw an entire community that he wanted to help win over for the Lord. Realizing the importance of children in our society, he established a good rapport with the youth of his congregation and community. Stressing the importance of education, he implemented a Financial Aid Program at Macedonia to encourage higher education. He also made "Graduation Sunday" a part of his annual program. In 1960, the Reverend Wallace began a Building Fund Drive. Through the endeavors of the Reverend Wallace and his members, the church remodeled and an annex was added. Under the leadership of the Reverend Wallace, the church purchased property located at 1300 Hateras Ave., Charlotte, N.C. with the hopes and prayers of building a new church. In January, 1983 he held the ground breaking service for the new edifice. He saw his dream of a mortgage-free church realized in December, 1989 when the Mortgage Burning Service was held. He departed this life on April 13, 1990, after more than 30 years service to his church and community. He was married to the former Victoria Erwin. This union was blessed with six children. He was a member of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association where he served as First Vice Moderator. He was also a member of the Ministers Alliance and the Paul Drayton Lodge No. 7.



Rev. L.J. Wallace

Funeral services were held on April 17, 1990 at the Macedonia Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Moderator of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association gave the eulogy. Rev. Robert H. Leak, Second Vice Moderator, was the Officiating Minister.

Henry Clayton Gregory III Passes



Dr. Henry C. Gregory III

He was never a thunder-voiced preacher, but he was always a 50,000-watt voice for those in Washington's inner city who had no one to speak for them. And when the Rev. Henry C. Gregory III did have something to say, it would be something to do — and it would be done. That has been the way always at the 127-year-old Shiloh Baptist Church, where Mr. Gregory was the senior minister until his death Sunday at the age of 54. No one was more conscious of the legacy of this institution, founded by former slaves from Virginia and long a haven for the unfortunate, than Mr. Gregory. Thanks to his "vision" of 1977 — which sprang to life in 1982 as the Shiloh Family Life Center — there is now a remarkable complex of spiritual and physical comfort at 9th and P streets NW, outstretched to embrace those without food, work, shelter, hope or sometimes even the will to keep on keeping on.

Unlike those whom Shiloh welcomes into its fold, the 6,000 church members are not without means. Not everyone is rich, but all are impressively generous with their contributions — and they answered Mr. Gregory's call for the Family Life Center with extraordinary amounts. It was he who spoke early on the "radical domestic disintegration" of black people in the city. The answer — the Family Life Center — is practically a city within a city: with a gym, a bowling alley; Jacuzzi, meeting rooms, a banquet hall, roof garden, restaurants and facilities for the young and the old, for the energetic and the tired.

There are dozens of other programs — legal help, drug-addiction services, job assistance, shelter, supplies for area medical clinics, scouting program,s educational and counseling projects at Lorton and many full-fledged choirs and other musical groups — some 90 community services.

Throughout Mr. Gregory's 17 years as pastor, there was also his renowned preaching, heard each Sunday on radio as well on closed-circuit television for those who weren't on time for seats at Shiloh. "We see ourselves as interpreter of what the issues are," he once said, "an advocate for people who don't have a voice." %Though the voice of the Rev. Henry Gregory has been stilled, his message will live and last for all who look to Shiloh for comfort — and for a city that is so much better for what he created.

Editorial **The Washington Post** May 1, 1990

(Editor's note: Dr. Henry Clayton Gregory III was the 1990 speaker for our Annual Martin Luther King Jr., Banquet held at the Kerr Scott Building, January 12, 1990)



"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.
Henceforth, there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, shall give me on that
day; and not to me only, but unto all
them, also that love his appearing."
II Timothy 4:7 and 8

Ecclesiastes 3rd Chapter
Verses 1 & 2

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

STATE MISSION

From the Desk of Dr. Craig (Continued from page 2)

part of its representation fee for the Ushers, we encourage you to report the balance in the Annual Session. Your co-operation is needed in order for the work of the Ushers to benefit the churches of the General Baptist State Convention by lifting up the understanding of ushering.

We urge you to plan now to attend the Annual Session of the Ushers' Convention and put forth every effort to bring others with you.

Begin now making your reservations for lodging at the Ushers' Annual Session. The headquarters' hotel is the Holiday Inn north, the rate is $44.00 plus tax for single or double rooms, the deadline for making reservations is June 19th. The telephone number is (919) 723-2911, be sure to state that you are with the General Baptist State Convention.

The State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet in its Annual Session on July 31 through August 2, 1990 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Reverend Thomas Walker in the Pastor.

Each church is asked to represent its Sunday School with two hundred dollars, which is the total amount that each church is asked to give per year for the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union.

If your church has given a part of its representation fee for the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union, we encourage you to report the balance at the Annual Session.

A well planned program has been worked out by the Committee for the Annual Session. Therefore, we encourage you to make plans now to attend in order to benefit from the teaching and training along with other features relating to Christian's responsibilities.

Arrangements for lodging have been made at the Comfort Inn which is the Headquarters motel. The rates are: single — $38.00 plus tax, doubles — (for 2 or 4 persons) $38.00 plus tax. Please make your reservation on or before the 16th of July 1990 and indicate that you are with the General Baptist State Convention. The telephone number is (919) 937-7765. The Comfort Inn is located near the Sheraton Hotel which is located on highway 64, which exits off on Winstead, near the hospital. A continental breakfast will be served at the motel each morning.

Note

In my last article in the **Baptist Informer,** I regret that the printer left off the latter statement regarding the "And Now About the Collection." The statement is C.H. Dodd, one of the greatest New Testament scholars of our time, in a discussion of Paul's leadership in the early church, said that for him "Spiritual fellowship. . .should be expressed in economic terms."

Election Announcements

Locks Announces



The Honorable
Rev. Sidney A. Locks

Greetings. I am Sidney A. Locks, son of the late Reverend S.A. Locks, Sr. and Gloria Levy.

From January 1975 to December 1989, I was most blessed to have been chosen to be a constituent pastor of this Convention as the proud pastor of Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Lumberton. During that tenure, I served with you as a member of the General Board and Executive Committee and several other committees.

When duty called me to extend my ministry as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly. I labored and fought for the equality and advantage of all men, women, boys and girls. In influencing the dictates and budget of this great North Carolina State for eight full years, I was your servant in Raleigh.

As of December 1989, we responded to the call as Senior Pastor of the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina. To God be the Glory.

I, hereby, offer myself as a candidate for the worthy office of the Parliamentarian of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Herein, I pledge to fairly executer this office consistent with God's Word, the Constitution of our great Convention, the designated rules of order and in support of the administration, so elected by us at the proper time. While order is important this work will not be difficult as we tend to conduct our meetings with the above in mind. I ask your vote and support as well as your prayers that in this matter God's will be done.

Thank you!

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Campaign Kick-off A Great Success, For W.B. Lewis

By Rev. Daniel Sanders,
Publicity Chairman

The Committee to Elect W.B. Lewis, President of the General Baptist State held its "kick-off Campaign," May 5, 1990 at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

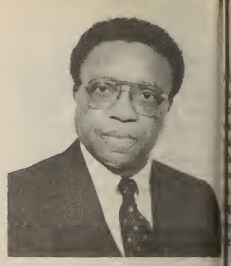
Dr. Lewis who is presently serving as Vice President-At-Large of the General Baptist State Convention and Chairman of the General Board of the Convention.

The Kick-off Campaign was held on Saturday afternoon, with many individuals and churches present and representing. Pastors and ministers from across the state of North Carolina were present, as well as other Baptist State leaders.

The event began with a spirited rendition of the Battle Hymn of Republic, with call to worship and invocation by Reverend W.T. Newkirk, Chairman of the Committee to Elect W.B. Lewis, and pastor of the Oak City Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Speakers who appeared in the program, and gave their endorsement to Dr. Lewis were: Reverend Howard Todd, Moderator of the Wake Baptist Association, who also donated $1000.00 to the campaign effort and challenged other Moderators to do the same; Dr. Vernon Malone, Chairman of the Board, Wake County Board of Commissioners; Dr. J.B. McLester, former President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of the GBSC; Dr. J.W. Law; Dr. George Debnam; Ms. Augusta White; Dr. Percy High, President of the Pastor's Conference of the GBSC and pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Durham, N.C.; and the Honorable Dan Blue, North Carolina Congressman.

The afternoon keynote address was delivered by Dr. W.B. Lewis. Candidate



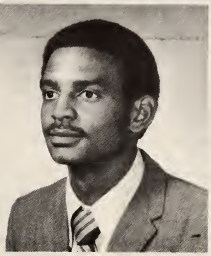
Dr. W.B. Lewis

Lewis was introduced by Reverend Leoth Debnam, pastor of the Tupper Memori Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Lewis spoke from his campaig theme: A Continuation of Unity Strength and Progress." Dr. Lewi pledges himself to the following com mitments: 1) Putting God in front; 2 Our Constitutional structure, the way an the works of our Convention; 3 Listening and giving the people a voic 4) A program of our Convention tha cares, that is aware sensitive and servin the needs of our people; 5) A statewide e fort to touch the untouched; 6) Respe for all people; 7) The young pastors an the senior pastors participating in the lif and works of our Convention; 8 Continuing the social ministries; 9 Emphasizing associational participatio on the local level to aid the Conventio and others that address the needs of th Convention and its people.

Election Announcements Continued

Elect
Charles R. Tyner, Sr.
2nd Vice President, GBSC



I have been working as an Officer of the GBSC for the past 4 years. I served as 4th Vice President for 2 years and for the past 2 years, I have served in the capacity of 3rd Vice President of the GBSC. I am committed to carry out the mandates of the Convention and the aspirations of the President. I am also committed to all objectives and the Constitution of the GBSC; to all auxiliaries of the GBSC; and I am totally committed to assist the President with these objectives and any others that will bring about a more unified and stable Convention.

My new goals challenge the Convention to venture out and be a part of the following:

a) Evangelism
b) Better system with a Broader Program in State Missions
c) Committed to a new Baptist Headquarters Building
d) Re-evaluate the General Baptist Foundation
e) Accountability (we must be accountable)

Additional Information:

— Married and the father of 2 sons
— Attended Public School, Northampton County
— A.B. Degree received from Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.
— M.A. Degree received from N.C. Central University, Durham, N.C.
— Experience in Education: Principal 1980 to Present
— Past Moderator — New Hope Association
— Pastor, White Oak Baptist Church — 1972 to Present

I am soliciting the support of all Baptists in the State of N.C. If given the opportunity to serve, I know I can make a difference in what our Convention can do to assure that this Convention will continue to be strong and provide a firm foundation upon which our offsprings will feel compelled to uphold.

Vote — C.R. Tyner,
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Ronald L. Swain Seeks To Serve As Third Vice President

Baptists in the State of North Carolina re blessed to be under the one umbrella f the General Baptist State Convention f North Carolina, Inc. I believe that it is rough this channel that God seeks to inister more effectively to His people. herefore, in order to minister more effecvely to His people. Therefore, in order o minister more effectively to those in igher education, I am hereby announcing ıy candidacy to serve as the Third Vice resident of the Convention.

As your Third Vice President, I intend o re-activate the Committee on Higher hristian Education, as prescribed by the onstitution. With the advice and cooperation of this committee, we will recomend action that will strengthen the minstry of the Convention to persons in initutions of higher education across the ate of North Carolina and beyond. Of ourse, that means financial and moral ıpport for Shaw University and the haw Divinity School. But in addition, e will work to establish and/or rengthen Baptist Student Unions, espeally at public colleges and universities. /e will cooperate with the leadership of the Convention and its auxiliaries to expose the college students to the ministry and facilities of the Convention, such as the J.J. Johnson Assembly. We will seek scholarships for students with Christian education and ministerial vocations. We will encourage all Baptist wherever and whenever possible to pursue higher education. This candidacy is guided by the vision of service, which I believe our Savior Jesus Christ commands in Mark 10:35-45. Therefore, I am seeking to serve.

God has blessed me with both educational background and the ministerial experience to serve at such a time as this.

As a native of Macon, Georgia, my elementary and high school education was taken here. Higher education includes: the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Duquesne University; Master's Degree in Counseling from Duquesne University; Master of Divinity from the Shaw Divinity School; the Master's Degree in Organizational Development from UNC-Chapel Hill and the Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. After being licensed and ordained under the late Dr. Charles W. Ward at the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, I have served in the following capacities: University Minister and Director of Church Relations at Shaw University; Associate Pastor of the Sandy Folk Baptist Church in Wilson County; Pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Bern; Interim Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fayetteville; and Pastor of the Shady Hill Baptist Church in Roxboro.

Teaching and administrative experience in the field of higher education include: Instructor in the Shaw Divinity School; Director of Counseling, Associate Dean of Students; and Special Assistant to the President at Shaw University; Student Affairs Administrator at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA; North Carolina State University at Raleigh; the University of North Carolina at Chapel hill and presently, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Planning at Shaw University.



Ronald L. Swain

My spouse, Mrs. Chrystle B. Swain is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Frank Bullock, Jr. of Spring Hope. The Swains and their son, Ronald, reside in Durham, N.C.

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Summary of July 1990 Sunday School Lessons

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett

July 1: Proverbs 4:1-13

During the month of July, we continue our study of the Biblical Wisdom Literature. Our focus is the book of Proverbs, much of which is credited to Solomon, the son of David. Solomon is noted for his wisdom as he ruled God's people. The Book of Proverbs represent only a fraction of King Solomon's writings. Proverbs will teach us much, if we yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to speak to us.

The study begins with Proverbs 4:1-13 in which Solomon addresses his readers as children. He is exhorting us to seek after wisdom. In all of his material wealth Solomon valued wisdom; he was known for his wisdom by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to teach others. Wisdom is that ability to decide HOW to use the knowledge that you have gained. It is a healing quality, a doing quality. Wisdom is closely related to agape love — love from God — unconditional love.

In verse 1 Solomon begins his instruction, and his first lesson is to bring his children's attention to the importance of understanding. He wants us to learn these lessons so that we can use them everyday. He wants us to seek wisdom and to know her intimately so that she becomes a part of who we are. Solomon goes on to say that what he teaches is not nonsense; he learned his lessons at his parents' knees. Both his mother and father taught him what he needed to know to be a successful member of society. We as parents must heed this lesson. David taught Solomon and so did his mother. Each parent has a responsibility to make time to spend with their children to teach and model for them. David taught Solomon to learn truth in his heart. The heart is the seat of who we are, so it is there that we look to make our decisions. Heart here is not just an emotional storehouse but the center of knowledge, emotion and wisdom, the union of reason and faith. David promised that obedience to his teaching would result in life. David's teachings were based on his relationship with God. If we too will walk closely with God we will have life — eternal life.

Adults, we are called to set an example for children; We don't have to be biological parents to be teachers and role models. If we don't do it our children will find someone else to follow. Young people, you are called to be obedient to the truth. Listen to your parents, teachers and other adults who are trying to help you grow up to be constructive, contributing community oriented citizens.

Verses 5-7 return to the importance of wisdom in our lives. Solomon admonishes us to seek wisdom in all that we do. "It is the principal thing," our goal. Once we give our lives to the Lord we must seek His wisdom through the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is through this direction that we understand the Way of the Lord. If we walk in the Lord's wisdom then we will be blessed. If we make wisdom our focus, our lives, our very presence will reflect it. Wisdom will direct you when the way is crooked; it will light your path when the road is dark; wisdom will lead you in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

July 8: Proverbs 8:22-26

Our study of wisdom continue with Wisdom herself inviting us for a personal interview. Wisdom existed before creation. God possessed Wisdom. In fact, we see God's infinite wisdom in the Masterpiece of His creation. Wisdom witnessed the forming of the depths of the earth and the making of the waters. When God made the ripples, the hills and the mountains, Wisdom was there. Before the world was, Wisdom was. As God created, Wisdom witnessed. Wisdom says, "I rejoiced and delighted with the sons of men."

Wisdom — God's great wisdom amazes us, awes us, astounds us as we discover it in this great world and the universe beyond. What we know is infinitesimal compared to what the Lord has prepared. God has created a marvelous world. It is only with wisdom that we can delight in it. In our sinfulness with its absence of wisdom, we can only destroy. Look at how we kill one another, our world and ourselves! We need the Lord's wisdom!

Wisdom invites us to listen to what she has gained and promises us blessings if we will follow her direction. She encourages us to learn and grow from what she will teach. No matter how educated, talented or old we are, we are never so endowed that we cannot learn. When we cease to learn we die. This doesn't necessarily mean physical death, but an end to growth. When we do not grow we limit what we can do for the Lord. It is the Lord's Will that we prepare. Wisdom will direct us in that way.

If we will learn Wisdom's lessons we will live in the Lord's protection, we can receive the blessings the Lord has prepared. Wisdom promises that those who seek and find her find life. We must commit to the pursuit of wisdom. Our relationship with the Lord requires our commitment; it must be our first priority. It is in finding wisdom that we gain the Lord's favor (VV 34-35). When we violate wisdom we harm ourselves, we sin. When we violate wisdom's way we separate ourselves from God. Unless we change that separation the road will keep us from enjoying the full glory of God. When we choose wisdom, we choose eternal life. How then do we find wisdom? Wisdom is in Jesus. Take a closer look at Wisdom's description. Wisdom describes an intimate relationship with God. Wisdom was there "In the beginning." John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Jesus is the Word. He is the Way to Wisdom. Seek Jesus. Yield to Him and "He shall direct your path" (Prov. 3:6). Jesus is Wisdom. He is all you need.

July 15, 1990: Proverbs 22:1-16

At first reading today's text seems to be a series of disjointed sayings about a variety of topics. On closer study we find each of these sayings comes together with the others and fit many areas of lives, helping us to do our part in the Masterpiece of Life.

In verses 1-5 Solomon writes of the road leading to success and the dangers that one encounters along the way. Solomon in all his riches realized that more than selves and gold a good name, the love and respect of others, is a prized possession. He also recognized the common heritage we share despite the differences in skin color, hair type culture and social status. We are all made in the image of God. Jesus unites us all into His body. This Jesus, the King of Glory Who



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

was born of a poor carpenter and his wife in a stable, brings us all together. He makes us heirs if we will open the door when He knocks.

Solomon's lesson continues with emphasis on those characteristics that in combination with commitment to the Lord can only yield blessings. First he tells us to think about what is going on around us and to keep ourselves from evil. There are so many distractions in

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our lives. Sometimes we have to steal away and be sure that we aren't losing sight of the Lord. As we keep focused and in close relationship with God we will be humble. The presence of God reminds us what a privilege it is to be with Him in fellowship. We must yield ourselves to the Lord relying totally on Him. This submission brings the rewards of riches, honor and life.

Our text continues with Solomon teaching about the double edged nature of choice. We can make wise or unwise decisions. Each has its consequences. Everyday we make decisions that influence our lives. Is your journey on the strait and narrow road or the broad and wide way? If you aren't sure, look to see how much company you have on the road. Few find the strait and narrow path that leads to eternal life. If you walk with the Lord, He provides, but you must decide how to use what He gives. Will you be a positive force or a negative one.

The concept of choices continues as we look at the last verses of our lesson. Our choices affect the extent we have victory in Jesus. Jesus overcame the world, but if we do not follow Him the world overtakes us. Laziness causes the world to overtake us because we do not obey God's command to subdue the earth and have dominion over it. Lust causes the world to overtake us because we lose sight of the Lord and are then tossed by every wind. We have abandoned our first love. Permissiveness results in the world winning in our lives because we do not discipline ourselves or our children to follow the Master, who said, "I am the Way . . ." Greediness gets us got by the World because we are so busy keeping it to ourselves, we miss the blessing the Lord has prepared. Jesus came that we might have abundant life.

We must choose what kind of life we want. Jesus stands knocking at the doors of your heart. Will you let Him in? And if you've already let Him in, are you getting to know Him or just having a passing conversation? The choice is yours: eternal life with the Father or eternal separation from Him. What is your choice?

July 22, 1990: Proverbs 30:18-33

The last lesson in Proverbs is taken from Proverbs 30. This chapter and Chapter 31 are additions to Proverbs and are attributed to other writers. The verses in our text are a study in contrasts. In Verse 19 the writer identifies four things he finds wonderful; these were things he could not understand. As we examine these situations, our advancement in knowledge can now intelligently explain them. However each, the soaring eagle, the slithering serpent, the buoyant ship and the courting male, if we will study them, is a true wonder. The writer is also amazed by the workings of an adulterer who having eaten forbidden fruit, takes her full and walks away seeing no wrong in the eating. The author speaks of adultery but before God there are no big or little sins. What is it in your life that is sinful, that you continue in despite God's teachings. Think about it. We blame Satan for our wrong doings and in our intellectual sophistication we "explain" the scientific grounds for our disobedience. It is amazing how we have a Father so loving, merciful and kind who has provided everything we need to enjoy fellowship with Him and yet we choose to turn away and see nothing wrong. How amazingly ungrateful.

Now the writer turns to four situations that disturb the earth. Verse 22 describes the man who comes from a position of a servant to one of leadership and in his new role forgets from whence he came. This is the arrogant leader who abuses his power. The same response is seen in the "fool when he is filled with meat" — the man who seems so unfortunate but is actually a rich man who scorns society. This man treats others miserably when he gains power and prominence.

Verse 23 speaks of the odious, unlovable woman who marries and the handmaid who becomes mistress of the house. Both of these women are blessed but their response to the blessing is arrogance and contempt for others. This is the person who "throws success up in your face; rubs your nose in it." But before you start pointing fingers, take a close, honest look in the mirror. You can be guilty of snobbery not by what you say but what you do.

Now let's look at how what is little is great or to use our language, "good things come in small packages." He also points out that while these things are small in size they possess great wisdom. Once again the importance of seeking wisdom and using it everyday. Consider the creatures the author marvels at. None are large; none are prized. As a matter of fact some are considered pests. But even in pests the Lord teaches a lesson. Each of these creatures uses what the Lord has given them to the best of their ability for the survival of the community and self. How amazing they are! If the Lord can work such wonder in these small creatures imagine what He will do in us! We are created in His own image (Gen. 1:27), a little lower than the angels (Psalms 8:5). Learn the lessons of these tiny creatures and let Him work wonders in your life.

Lastly in this Proverb, we examine the royalty of creation. The four regal creatures are: a lion, often referred to as "King of the Beasts," the greyhound, the he goat and a king. Each of these are leaders and known their own right for greatness. The lion reigning over the wild standing tall with his mane as a crown. Greyhound has been translated in other ways from the Hebrew, but picture the greyhound as we know it, lean, firm and known for its stamina. The he-goat leads the flock, he orchestrates the comings and goings of the flock. And then there is the king who rules in such a way that his subjects follow him cooperatively.

Take time today to study these words and go forward to explore God's marvelous creation. Remember wisdom is your guide. The only way to get wisdom is to receive Jesus into your life as Savior and Lord.

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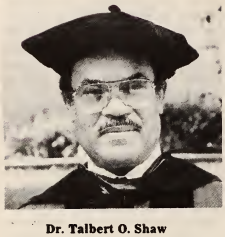
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Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

From The President's Desk:

Bring Out Your Best Awards Held At Shaw

In his usual affable manner, Mr. J.D. Lewis, Corporate Director of Minority Affairs of the Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc., emceed the 8th annual "Bring out your best awards ceremony" at Shaw University, recently.

After greetings brought to those at the banquet-awards by representatives of the City Council, the City of Raleigh and the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, award winners were announced, Ms. Harriet B. Webster and Mr. Victor Coffey. This year's scholarship recipients from Shaw University were Ms. Bessie J. Bukhay, Mr. Charles W. Glenn, Ms. Shelley N. Horton and Mr. Scott L. Mitchell.

Recipients from St. Augustine's College were, Ms. Kimberly Coleman, Ms. Kimberly Gregory, Mr. Christopher L. Fox, and Mr. Lewis Hiett.

Executive Vice-President, Dr. Ernest L. Pickens brought a tribute and greetings to the honorees on behalf of Dr. Talbert C. Shaw, president and the university.

The annual event is sponsored enthusiastically by several local businesses: The Carolinian, Harris Wholesale, Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc., (WRAL-TV and WRAL-FM), WLLE Radio, and Kaiser Permanente.

Academic Awards Ceremony At Shaw University

By Dr. Ronald Swain

Addressing more than 400 Shaw students who have earned academic honors during this year, Mr. Ray Danner, president and CEO of Shoney's, Inc., described Shaw University as "One of the great educational institutions in our nation." "I am honored and proud to be able to participate with the faculty and administration of this institution in honoring its students."

In what he calls, "Dannerisms," Mr. Danner admonished the students to be totally determined, single-minded and "with an abundance of energy for the long days and years in succeeding in their efforts to reach the top." He said, "Your ship won't come in unless you row out to meet it." Especially women and minorities today should be honored for having to work twice as hard to overcome the odds and realities in our society." And the improvement of our society is going to depend on higher education. Mr. Danner cited the models of Charles Spaulding, of North Carolina Mutual and General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as examples of "the kind of commitment and dedication that American society is built on."

Speaking to President Talbert O. Shaw who had introduced Mr. Danner as a true Horatio Alger, himself, Mr. Danner said, "Shaw University is making a tremendous contribution by being a role model itself for black youth." To the students, he said, "You may have a long way to go, but don't stall out. Just keep going. Work twice as hard. Become the company president. Why not even become the owner of the firm?"

On the occasion of the celebration of Women's History Month, Shaw University president, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw recognized six Shaw University alumnae for their outstanding contributions.

Following a luncheon, the honorees were presented with framed certificates that read: "Your words and deeds have served to inspire generations of women, men, girls and boys, and reflect the theme, 'Courageous Voices Echoing in Our Lives.' "

The alumnae were Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, '37, retired Shaw University administrator; Mrs. Beulah A. Hill, '39, retired educator; Miss Evelyn Pope, '30 and Miss Ruth Pope, '31, retired educators; Mrs. Martha Wheeler, '36, retired staff from Shaw University; and Miss Effie Yeargin, '29, retired educator.

Other guests included university administrators and students.

Shaw Benefit Banquet

By Langston D. Logan, Regional Editor

On March 17, 1990 the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church hosted a Benefit Banquet for Shaw University at Northern Junior High School in Roxboro, North Carolina.

Deacon William Tuck served as toastmaster for the occasion. Mindful of our heritage, the tone for the occasion was set by the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," followed with Prayer by Rev. Dr. James A. Richmond, Pastor of the Shady Hill Baptist Church.

Greetings were given by:

Sam Spencer, Vice Mayor, Roxboro North Carolina; Bernard Allen, President of Concerned Citizens for Black Affairs, Rev. Alfred Faulkner, Vice President of Roxboro, Person County Ministerial Alliance.

Deacon Samuel Little stated the purpose for the occasion. The distinguished Pastor Dorwin Howard of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church offered Grace.

The evening highlighted when Rev. Langston D. Logan, Pastor of the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church introduced the keynote speaker for the occasion as a spiritual Giant who believes that education and religion go hand-in-hand, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, thanked the Church and Pastor for their great effort.

He stated his theme for the evening as, "Partnership" The Way To Build. Upon his arrival at Shaw, Dr. Shaw realized that he had a great challenge confronting him. Shaw University was facing a slow demise, but under his leadership with a plan in mind Dr. Shaw set about correcting the deficiencies that were eating at the very core of this great institution.

Dr. Shaw's plan consisted of seven steps.

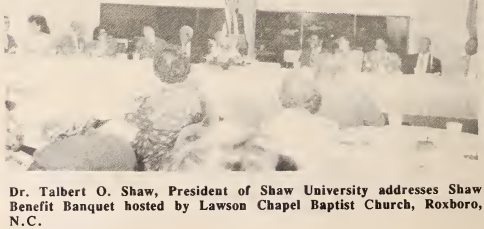
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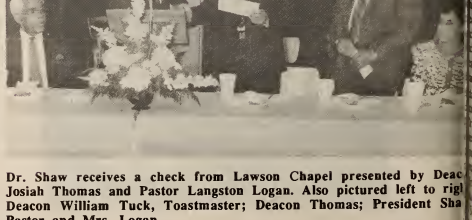
After an electrifying message a financial presentation was given to Dr. Shaw by Deacon Josiah Thomas from Lawson Chapel Baptist Church.

In the spirit of unity other presentations were given by, The Rev. Alfred Faulkner, Pastor of the Elijah Grove Baptist Church, Roxboro, and Deacon A.W. Jones of the First Baptist Church Roxboro.

Our capable Mrs. Doretha Thomas served as pianist. Solos graced the event by Miss Brittney Logan, Miss Shanda Dillehay and Mr. Bobby Holloway, Jr.



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University addresses Shaw Benefit Banquet hosted by Lawson Chapel Baptist Church, Roxboro, N.C.



Dr. Shaw receives a check from Lawson Chapel presented by Deacon Josiah Thomas and Pastor Langston Logan. Also pictured left to right Deacon William Tuck, Toastmaster; Deacon Thomas; President Shaw Pastor and Mrs. Logan.

Three Receive Honorary Degrees At Shaw's 125th Commencement

By Dr. T.O. Shaw

Dr. William A. Darity, Mrs. Eunice hnson and Dr. Frank Hale received norary degrees at Shaw University's 25th commencement, Saturday, May 12, 90 at 11 a.m. in Raleigh's Memorial uditorium.

William Alexander Darity, is a native North Carolina. He received his educa-n in that state: the Bachelor of Science gree from Shaw University, the Master Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.) gree from North Carolina Central niversity and the Doctor of Philosophy h.D.) degree from the University of orth Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is esently Professor of Public Health, and an of the School of Health Sciences at e University of Massachusetts, mherst, Massachusetts.

Dr. Darity became the Dean of the wly created School of Health Sciences September 1973, which includes, in dition to the Division of Public Health accredited School of Public Health), a vision of Nursing (an accredited School Nursing) and a Department of mmunication Disorders, which offers diology and speech language disorders.

n addition to his present duties at the versity of Massachusetts, Dr. Darity ffiliated with many professional health anizations. He has served as a member he Board of Directors of the Planned enthood Federation of America; the iety for Public Health Education, Inc., which he is a past President; and many the national and regional professional voluntary health organizations.

Dr. Darity is also a fellow of the erican Public Health Association and s a member of the Awards Committee many years. He was likewise a mem- of the National Cancer Institute ncer Control Merit Peer Review nmittee and the National Heart, Blood Lung Institute. He has served on var-s grant review committees for the ional Institute of Health over the past enteen years. Dr. Darity was the major sultant with WHO in establishing the t Master of Health degree in Africa, th of the Sahara at the University of dan, Nigeria where he has spent con-rable time during recent summers.

Dr. Darity, has carried out research for ny years in family planning, has con-trated the last ten years researching and lyzing issues and health policies, prac-s, and disease incidence and prevalence s, as well as mortality rates as they af-t Black Americans and other eth-racial minorities.

He served as a consultant to the 1984-Department of Health and Human ources Task Force on the Health us of Blacks and other Minorities. Dr. ity is presently serving on the Board Trustees of the University of North olina at Chapel Hill, and the Board of ntific Counsellors, Division of ncer Prevention and Control, National ncer Institute. He is also Principal stigator of a $3.2 million, five year arch study, on Smoking and Cancer in k populations, funded by the National ncer Institute.

Dr. Darity has delivered papers before erous professional organizations and published extensively in national and rnational health journals.

Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, Director and oducer of EBONY FASHION FAIR, Secretary-Treasurer of JOHNSON BLISHING COMPANY, INC., publishers of EBONY, JET and EM (EBONY MAN) Magazines, was born in Selma, Alabama, where her father, Dr. Nathaniel D. Walker, practiced medicine for more than 40 years. Her mother, Mrs. Ethel McAlphine Walker, was the principal of the high school and taught education and art at the college level at Selma University, in Atlanta, Georgia where Mrs. Johnson received her high school education as well as certificates in sewing and tailoring. Selma University was founded by her maternal grandfather, Dr. William H. McAlphine, who was also its second president. He was the founder of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., which now has a membership of 7.5 million members and was its first president.

Mrs. Johnson received her B.A. degree in Sociology with a minor in Art, from Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, and her master's degree in Social Work from Loyola University in Chicago. She took courses in Studies of the Great Books at the University of Chicago, Journalism at Northwestern University and Interior Decorating at the Ray Vogue School of Interior Design.

Since 1961, Mrs. Johnson has been Producer and Director of EBONY FASHION FAIR, a traveling fashion show that tours 182 cities across the United States, including Hawaii, Alaska, Canada and the Virgin Islands making over 200 appearances. The show is sponsored by local and national charitable organizations. EBONY FASHION FAIR is a package show with all expenses paid by JOHNSON PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr. was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and his parents moved to Topeka, Kansas, in 1937 where he was graduated from Buchanan School, Curtis Junior High School and Topeka High School with honors in 1944. Dr. Hale attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama and Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska before completing his undergraduate work at the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Hale was appointed Executive Assistant to the President for Multicultural Affairs at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, in 1989 and is a consultant to the Great Lakes College Association. He is Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University, after having served that institution from 1971 to 1988. He also served as Special Assistant to the President at Ohio State. Dr. Hale is a graduate of the University of Nebraska where he received both the A.B. and M.A. in Communications, Political Science and English in 1950 and 1951 respectively, and his Ph.D. in Communications and Political Science from The Ohio State University in 1955. He was awarded the "Certificate in English Literature" from the University of London in 1960.

Hale has written and edited five books: **A Manual of Public Speaking** (Brown Publishers, 1964), **Sunlight and Shadows** (Southern Publishing Publication, 1967), **The Cry for Freedom** (A.S. Brown, 1970), **They Came and They Conquered the Freshman Foundation Program and Beginning College Students** (The Ohio State University, 1979).

As a lecturer and consultant, he has presented at nearly 100 colleges and universities and at 25 state and national conferences. His consultancies include the Council of Graduate Schools, Virginia Council of Higher Education, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Mott Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Air Force (Wright Patterson), U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Army, Market Facts Research Incorporated, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the State University and Community College System of Tennessee, the University of Maryland, the University of Wisconsin System, and the University of Missouri. He has served as a trustee on such boards as Operation PUSH, United Negro College Fund, PUSH Excel, Loma Linda University, Columbia Union College, Kettering Hospital, Harding Hospital, Oakwood College, the Seventh-day Adventist Commission on Higher Education, the Ohio Martin Luther King Commission, and the Advisory Board of the College of William and Mary.

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4-5	Central Children's Home Annual Alumni Reunion Oxford, N.C.
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19	Youth Go To College Day
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27-31	Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Columbus, OH Trinity Baptist Church, Host

SEPTEMBER 1990

1	Classes Begin, Shaw Divinity School
3	LABOR DAY
3-9	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Los Angeles, CA
8	Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., First Baptist Church, Weldon, NC
15	Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
22	Family Missions Conference
23	Christian Education Sunday

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. C.C. Craig Calls On All Churches To Meet 1990 Quota Objectives By August 31, 1990

By Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Fellow Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions and member of the Baptist Family:

We are now in the last three months of the fiscal year 1989-90. As we continue to move into the final months: June, July and August, we strongly urge you to put forth every effort to honor your suggested quota for the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, State Missions, Foreign Missions and the Central Children's Home on or before August 31, 1990.

The month of **June is designated for Shaw University.** We urge you to send the balance of your suggested quota for Shaw University on or before June 30, which is the close of the fiscal year for Shaw University.

The month of **July is designated for Foreign Missions and the Divinity School.** We urge you to send the balance of your suggested quota for Foreign Missions on or before the 31st of July, which is the close of the fiscal year for Foreign Missions. Also, we urge you to send the balance of your suggested quota for the Divinity School on or before the 31st of July.

If you have not responded to the five dollars per member effort for the Divinity School, we urge you to do so.

It is a **must** that we give our full support to theological training for the leaders in the pulpits of our churches in the state and out of the state.

The month of **August is designated for State Missions and the Central Children's Home.** Please send the balance of your suggested quota for State Missions and the Central Children's Home on or before the 31st of August.

We urgently need your State Missions contributions monthly. As we have reported to you over and over again that we need **$40,000.00 per month for State Missions** in order to meet our current obligations.

State Ushers

The Annual Session of the State Ushers' Convention will meet at the New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, July 10-12, 1990. Dr. Jerry Drayton is the pastor. We urge Ushers from across the state to be present for this Annual Session. Also, each church is requested to represent with $150.00 for the year. Brother pastors, please give your full support to your ushers.



Dr. C.C. Craig

Congress of Christian Education

The Annual Session of the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress will meet with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, July 31 through August 2, 1990. Reverend Thomas Walker is pastor of the church. Plan now to attend this important session of learning and training. Each church school and B.T.U. is requested to represent with $200.00.

Many thanks for the support that I know you will give to these special sessions and also for the support to the Parent Body of the Convention.

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Dr. Wendell Somerville Announces the 93rd Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

By Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Director of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, announces the 93rd Annual Session which will meet with the Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, August 27-31, 1990.

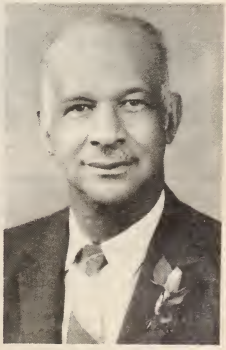
With 10 Afro-American missionary personnel serving overseas, and an additional 86 citizens of other countries supported as full-time Lott Carey missionaries, the Carey Convention ranks as the foremost international evangelism agency among Black churches. No single Black denomination gives as much money, nor do all Black denominations combined support as many missionaries.

With an annual budget now approaching $2 million, the Carey Convention is looking forward to even greater achievements. Contacts have been made to begin medical work in Zimbabwe; and an international commission will soon make an on-site studies of the organization's work in four other countries: Liberia, Nigeria, Guyana (South America), and India. The studies will evaluate the impact of Carey projects on the total socio-economic, educational and health environments, and make recommendations for expansion.

The sudden rise in interest in world evangelism among Black Americans seems almost an anomaly, given the high rates of unemployment and continued declines in the national economy. But it is not so unusual, after all, when one considers that Black Americans have become increasingly world-conscious, especially since the Vietnam War, and with national figures stressing the inter-connecting links between Afro-Americans and liberation struggles in Africa itself.

Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, believes that much of the popularity of the organization is due to to its financial accountability. The convention has long been regarded as having the lowest operating

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Dr. Wendell C. Somerville

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

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Land Loss Prevention Project of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers

The Land Loss Prevention Project in Durham, North Carolina has intensified its efforts to help black and other small landowners keep their land. Did you know that in the early 1990's black farmers in the U.S. owned 15 million acres of land. In 1989, they owned fewer than 3 million acres. Black farmers are losing their land at the rate of 1,000 acres per day. At this rate, by the year 2000, there will be no blacks operating farms in the United States. Why is this important? There are many reasons, but remember, a landless people is a powerless people.

The Land Loss Prevention Project has a toll free number (1-800-672-5839) and wants to help those who qualify free of charge. But the Project needs your help also. All churches are being asked to do what they can to help. All donations to the organization are tax deductible.

Mailing Address: Joe L. Webster, Immediate Past President, Post Office Box 179, Durham, North Carolina 27702; (919) 682-5969.

Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. September 3-8, 1990

The General Baptist State Convention Headquarters has made arrangements for transportation and lodging for the forthcoming National Convention, which will be held in Los Angeles, California, September 3-8, 1990. The planes from the Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte-Douglas Airports will depart on Monday, September 3rd and return on Saturday, September 8, 1990 (five nights). The cost is: Double occupancy — $675.00 per person; Single occupancy — $845.00.

Included in these prices are airfare tickets, transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling and room at the Hilton Hotel, which is the Headquarter's Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

A deposit of $300.00 is needed on or before July 20th and the balance is due on August 15, 1990. Please make all checks payable to the General Baptist State Convention for plane.

Sickle Cell Eye Disease

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

By T.E. Brewington
Optometrist, Greensboro, NC

Sickle cell eye disease effects the eye in a variety of ways. The severity of sickle cell eye disease is dependent upon the hemoglobin type, being more severe in Hemoglobin SC disease, followed by S-thal, followed by Hemoglobin SS disease. People with sickle cell trait generally don't have sickle cell eye disease.

The most severe problems with sickle cell eye disease are those that are related to damage done to the normal blood vessels in the eye and the retina. The inner lining of the eye is called the retina. The retina is made up of millions of nerve fibers which come together to form the optic nerve. The retina functions very similar to camera film, which means that images of whatever we are seeing, are formed on the retina as the image of the picture you are taking is formed on the camera film.

Coursing through the optic nerve and entering the eye, on the retina, are very small blood vessels. These blood vessels carry blood to and from the inner layers of the eye. In sickle cell eye disease. these blood vessels become occluded or blocked by the sickled red blood cells. As a result of this occlusion, various problems arise. The least severe of these problems characterize nonproliferative sickle cell retinopathy. This form of sickle cell eye disease is manifested by small hemorrhages on the retina and pigmented scarring of the retina. These are seen in anywhere from 20%-40% of patients with Hemoglobin SC, S-thal and SS disease. This form of sickle cell eye disease generally requires no treatment.

The more severe form of sickle cell eye disease is known as proliferative sickle cell retinopathy and is seen most frequently in people with Hemoglobin SC and Hemoglobin S-thal disease. As a result of occlusion of the small blood vessels, that we've talked about previously, new blood vessels try to form to get around the blocked blood vessels. This new blood vessel formation, which is known as neovascularization, is extremely thin and fragile. It is proned to severe bleeding into the retina and vitreous, which leads to scarring of the retina and eventually to retinal detachments. This is one problem that causes blindness in people with sickle cell eye disease.

Blindness in many instances can be prevented by treating the proliferative form of sickle cell eye disease in its early stages with a special machine called a Laser. If Laser treatment is instituted early enough, then the severe hemorrhaging, scarring and retinal detachment can be prevented, or certainly delayed, if the diagnosis is made early enough and treatment begun early enough. It is extremely important for patients with sickle cell disease to have an ophthalmologic examination on a yearly basis.

(Editor's note: For more information about Sickle Cell Disease contact: Gladys A. Robinson, Executive Director, Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, 1102 East Market St., Greensboro, N.C. 27401; 919/274-1507.)

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The President Speaks

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



National Baptists Formally Welcomed to NABF

Charlotte, NC (GBSC) — The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., was formally welcomed into the fellowship of the North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF) during its May 20 to 22 meeting.

The welcome was most fitting since the NABF was meeting for the first time in the grand National Baptist World Center which was dedicated last August.

Accepting the formal welcome was W. Franklyn Richardson, general secretary of the National Baptists, who applied and were accepted for NABF membership in 1989.

Later on Monday evening, May 21, the day on which the formal acceptance was received, Richardson preached an electrifying sermon at an evening rally.

"Whether we like it or not, we are together as Baptists," Richardson said.

Richardson encouraged Baptists to fight against the evils of society, but with the whole armor of God. "You must be born again," he preached, "before you can engageg in the battle against evil."

Richardson, citing people of the faith from the Bible and modern life, stressed that the prize for the Christian is not winning the battle but "staying in the battle."

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WBH&FMC Summer Events

By Executive Secretary Brodie



The **106th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention** is practically here in that we meet July 24-26, 1990, in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center with Dr. J. Ray Butler and Shiloh as our hosts. However, during July 22-23, will be our pre-conventional activities: the musical and banquet respectively. Let us pray that we shall celebrate and deliberate in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Please be reminded that the **1989-90 budget is $547,000.00** in round figures. Please bring the greatest part of the balance of your quotas in terms of the objectives during the session: **Foreign Missions — $7,000.00; Central Children's Home, $6,600.00; Shaw University — $23,000.00; Shaw Divinity School — $12,200.00;** and **State Missions — $219,000.00.** Our fiscal year ends August 31, 1990.

All Baptist Picnic — July 21, 1990. The Reverend Daniel Sanders is the guest preacher during the 11:00 a.m. worship period. He is the pastor of Springfield, Auburn, N.C. However, the schedule is as follows: 9:30-10:30 a.m. arrival and recreation; 10:30 a.m. — ending of recreation and going up to the Chapel for worship; 11:00 a.m. — worship; 12:30 p.m. — lunch on your own; 1:30-5:00 p.m. — leisure and recreation.

Missions Prayer Day — Your response to the Missions Prayer Day is appreciated. It shows that you are concerned about missions and that you are aware of Him who energizes people for missions. Do continue to be involved in this day and we hope that more will participate next year and make this truly a state-wide event.

National Baptist Convention (USA) — Pre-Registration — The Woman's Convention Auxiliary and the parent body will convene in Los Angeles, California. If you desire to pre-register, please send to the office of the Woman's Convention to secure the personal enrollment registration card (state president, district president, national officers, etc.) and/or the organization enrollment blank (district, local circle, etc.) as soon as possible. Please return the completed forms and funds to this office by July 16, 1990. Make your check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention. In turn the Woman's Convention will send the funds to the National Woman's Auxiliary.

National President, WBH&FMC Banquet Speaker

By Dr. P.A. Brodie

Dr. Mary O. Ross, a noted Christian leader and teacher, will be the speaker for the 17th Annual Pre-Convention Banquet on Monday, July 23, 1990, at 6 p.m. A native of Georgia, she is a graduate of Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, and received the Doctorate of Humane Letters from Spelman College and the Doctorate of the Divinity Degree from the Inter-denominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia. She is listed in **Who's Who Among American Women.**

Among her many affiliations are: Board of Trustees; American Baptist Theological Seminary; Board of Managers of Church Women United; Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Women Union; Ministers' Wives Division of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; NAACP; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Dr. Ross presently serves as President of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

She is the widow of Reverend Solomon D. Ross, a mother, and grandmother. She resides in Detroit, Michigan.

38th Missionary Mass Meeting Held

Missionaries from area Baptist churches gathered at Zion Memorial Baptist Church May 6 for the 38th Forsyth County Missionary Mass Meeting at 3 p.m. The program provided a common setting for worship, fellowship and program emphasis.

The participants included representative groups and individuals from the senior, young adult and youth departments of area churches. The occasion further provided the opportunity for the group to highlight the missionary enterprise of the church.

Christian education was emphasized in the afternoon activities with a special address by the host pastor, the Reverend Joseph Jones. Special appeals also were directed to the convening body by its leadership and other featured speakers.

The theme for the mass meeting was "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Christian Education." The theme is intended to reflect the missionary objectives of the union which include State Missions and Central Children's Home, Shaw Divinity School, Shaw University, Foreign Missions and Baptist Assembly.

Mrs. Roxanna Pitts, senior president of the county union, presided at the mass meeting. The union met again the fourth Sunday in May at Dreamland Park Baptist Church.

Dr. Brodie received degree at commencement

By Archie D. Logan, Jr.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, resolved an honorary doctor of Christian letters degree at the Shaw Divinity School commencement on Saturday, April 28, 1990.

Dr. Brodie, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. O.H. Brodie, is a serious, well trained Christian educator, well known and loved throughout North Carolina, and some parts of the nation and world.

She grew up in Franklin County and graduated from the B.F. Person High School there.

She received her B.A. degree from Shaw, and the master of divinity with religious education and doctor of ministry degrees from Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. She had the distinction of being the first black woman doctoral candidate and the second woman doctoral candidate at Southeastern.

Her teaching and related experiences have been broad, having been a teacher of English in several North Carolina public school systems. In addition, she served as assistant professor of Christian education and coordinator of the Church Vocations Programs at Shaw Divinity School.

She currently serves as executive secretary/treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, making her one of the most visible and responsible persons in religion in the state. She served as one of the lecturing participants at the Victor Glass Conference, Decatur, Ga. She also served as one of the seminar lecturers for the North American Baptist Women Union which met in Kansas City, Missouri. She has traveled to Liberia, Africa, where she participated in the dedicating service of the clinic on the campus of the Lott Carey Mission.

Dr. Brodie currently serves as a member of the executive board of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; the Board of Trustees of Shaw University; the executive committee and the board of trustees, Shaw Divinity School; and the executive board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. She also is an instructor for the Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary.

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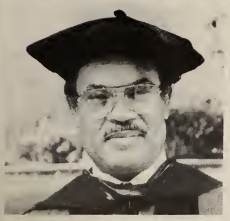
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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

From The President's Desk:

I want to personally thank the many friends of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School for your support during the fiscal year 1989-1990. We continue to need your prayers and commitment to this great ministry of higher education. If you have any questions, concerns, special contributions, or suggestions, please call me at 919/755-4800.

May God Bless You All!

Prison residents receive college degrees

By Dr. Donald L. Swain, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Planning

The first male prison residents to earn the baccalaureate degree graduated recently at the 7th Annual Commencement exercises at the Eastern Correctional Institution in Maury, N.C.

Shaw University awarded six men their Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Management at Eastern. They were among 77 men who received degrees from four institutions in North Carolina. Shaw University, the only senior college represented at the history-making event, presented the six, all of whom were graduated with honors, their degrees. Lenoir Community College awarded eight men their Associate of Arts (two-year) degrees, and a number of diplomas. The Southern Baptist Convention Extension serviced eight inmates diplomas and certificates in pastoral ministry, and East Carolina University awarded seven certificates in drug counseling.

The Shaw graduates are the first men serving prison sentences to earn college degrees at the four-year completion level in North Carolina. Shaw operates 10 CAPE (Centers for Alternative Programs in Education) in North Carolina, three of which are for prison residents.

In his address to the graduates, the faculty of the institutions and the graduate's families, Dr. Aaron Johnson, secretary of the Department of Corrections in the Martin administration, congratulated the men of "the beginning of a new page in their lives." Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University, who awarded the men their degrees, welcomed them into the community of educated men and women who have prepared themselves for a useful and productive life. The occasion was a "first" for Shaw University which, for 125 years of excellence in education has produced many new and successful ways of learning and teaching.

Sertoma supports speech and hearing at Shaw

By Patrick F. Elliott, Director of Public Relations

The Sertoma Club Capital Cities Club of Raleigh presented two awards to Shaw University in support of the university's speech and hearing clinic. One gift for $250 will provide for the children of the Walnut Creek Child Development Center to be screened and tested for their speech and hearing proficiency which is now in progress at Shaw's clinic. Professors Gale Isaacs and Sharon Wallace are providing their volunteer time and expertise for this project.

The other award for $500 will also go toward the speech and hearing operations at Shaw which, beside providing Shaw students with a major curriculum in the field, has also served the Raleigh community in providing its services at no cost to Raleigh residents.

Making the presentations to Professor Isaacs and Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, was Mr. Everett Miles, President, Mr. Ron Brincefield, Vice-President and Mr. Ron Morrison, Treasurer of the Capital Cities Sertoma Club.

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Healthfully speaking . . .

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Early detection of cancer can help you beat the odds

By Catherine McGibbony, RN, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC

Cancers of the breast and prostate are two of the deadliest cancers for black Americans. Both black women and black men are more likely to die from these diseases than are whites

Why do so many blacks die? One reason is that many times their cancers aren't found until it's too late for effective treatment.

The good news is that most cancers can be cured if found early and treated right away, before they spread to other parts of the body. You can improve your chances for survival by getting regular screening exams. That way, if you do have cancer, it can be caught when it's most treatable.

More than three-fourths of black women have never had a screening mammogram, a special x-ray that can find breast cancers up to 2 years before they can even be felt. And 55 percent of black men have never had a rectal exam, which can detect prostate cancer before any noticeable symptoms appear.

Mammograms and rectal exams are both simple and quick. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) and other medical experts recommend that men and women age 40 and older have these tests regularly:

•Men should have a rectal exam each year beginning at age 40.

•Beginning at age 40, women should have a physical breast exam annually and a mammogram every 1 to 2 years. For women 50 and over, the exam should take place each year.

Schedule a mammogram or prostate exam this year. The odds are that you — and your loved ones — will be glad you did.

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Summary of *August* 1990 Sunday School Lessons



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

By Rev. Dr. J. Gentile Everett

August 5 — God Acting Through Circumstances
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

We continue the study of the writings of Solomon and his quest for wisdom. Solomon writes of God's presence in the world; His Divine providence overseeing all that happens. Everything happens for a reason, even though we may not understand it. During the good times we praise God and lift Him up. During the tough times, if we will commit ourselves to God's way, we can learn, grow stronger and get to know God better. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. Take the events in your life and look for God in them. Even when you disobey, God is there to receive you when you repent. Now don't think because you are forgiven you won't have to bear the consequences of your sin; you will. But God will be in the midst helping you to come forth as pure gold, tried in the fire, if you will just lean on Him. We can choose to serve God or choose not too. But in His time, His plan will be accomplished. What will be your part in the Master's plan?

Solomon gives us a study in contrasts in today's text. From this study we can see that for every vice there is a virtue; for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. There is God and there is Satan. Who is Lord of your life? With God at the center of your life, in the midst of the storm, your soul is at peace because Jesus is with you. He rules the earth, the sky and the sea. When He says, "Peace," there is peace. In the middle of this world's sin and chaos, Jesus provides peace that no one else can give.

There is a time for everything Solomon says. Timing is a very important part of life. Have you ever felt your witness fell on deaf ears? Perhaps your timing wasn't right or perhaps you planted a seed and it wasn't the time for the harvest. Seek God's direction in all that you do and even when you don't understand what is happening, you can be assured that you are in the Lord's plan, and in HIS time it will all come to pass.

In verses 9-11, Solomon raises a question that we all ask, "What is the benefit of my labor?" Solomon in all his wisdom, dared to ask this question. This is the same question he raised in Chapter one. There he came up with the answer, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." But here Solomon leads us to see that in God we can work out our salvation. Now that doesn't mean our work will gain us salvation. Salvation is free; it is God's gift to us. Rather, God has put in us an awareness that as we labor on this earth, there must be something more. That something more, is Jesus.

Solomon brings home the point that Jesus is the answer in verse 11. When we choose God's Way, and allow God's work to bear fruit in our lives, we see what beauty God has created. He has given us this quest for eternity in our hearts. We are seeking more than here and now. We are frustrated in our efforts to understand. We must therefore learn instead to walk by faith. If we will step out on faith, and rejoice in the Lord, then we will be in the process of becoming what He would have us to be. In ourselves there is no good. We must have God, and in Him we can have joy.

Solomon, in his search, learned that God is the heart of life. God wants us to enjoy life, even the everyday things like eating and drinking. We are not to be gluttonous or in any way dishonor God. Instead, in our ordinary living we are called to do extraordinary things. Today, tomorrow and forever, God is. So only what we do for God will last.

Our closing verses speak to us particularly at the start of this new decade. Nothing new exists; what is new is old. What we do today has been done before. Our aim then is to keep our eyes focused on God, and to do whatever we do to honor the Lord.

August 12 — What Wise People Do
Matthew 7:13-29

We've looked at man's search for wisdom in the books of Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Now we will learn from the Master Himself. In today's lesson we have the privilege to sit at the feet of Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount and learn what wise people do when they make decisions. In Psalms we learned that there are two ways, the way of the godly and the way of the ungodly. The Master Teacher again introduces this concept. We can choose one of two paths in life, the easy way, where the gate is wide, the way is broad, many travel this route, and the destination is destruction. Then there is the more difficult way. On this path we find that the gate is strait, or confining, the road is narrow, and the travelers are few. The destination of this road is eternal life.

We must each choose which way we will travel. No one can make the decision for you. Will you choose the wide gate that leads to spiritual death or the strait gate that will lead you to eternal life with Jesus? On the broad way you will have a lot of company; the narrow way is a lonely road. Jesus is the door at the strait gate. HE IS THE WAY. He will lead and direct you on your journey, so even though the road is lonely, you will never be alone.

Verse 15 is Jesus warning us to be alert in our journey, for there are those who will appear to be teaching the truth, but are actually the devil's agents seeking to lead you astray. We must be armed and prepared to make the distinction between those sent by God and those who are ravening wolves. How can we know? Jesus provides the answer in verse 16. By their fruit! Jesus used an analogy that the people would understand. Grapes don't grow on thornbushes. So neither will those who are of the devil bear the fruit of the reborn spirit touched by God. Ground yourself in the Word. You will be able to prove the prophets and spirits by the Word. And others will be able to tell if you are of God by the fruit you bear. Remember, God's Word is sharper than a two-edged sword; it cuts BOTH ways.

A good tree brings forth good fruit. A corrupt tree can bear only corrupt fruit. If you have committed your life to God, your life will show it. It doesn't mean you won't be tried for surely you will, but by the power of the Holy Spirit in you, you can be victorious. The choice still remains in your hands. It is possible to get sidetracked from the narrow way, so be careful. Your fruit will speak for you.

If you do not bring forth good fruit, you will be cut down and cast into the fire. Christians, we cannot just sit back and do nothing. Once we choose the strait gate, we are to grow in Christ, tell others of the Lord's work in our lives. We can't just stand on the road. WE are travelers. What we do, the fruit we bear will tell others more than anything we can say. Jesus said, ". . . by their fruits ye shall know them." (v. 20).

Jesus wants us to be in touch with ourselves. He says not everyone who calls on Him will enter the kingdom. Our actions will reflect who we are. If we are truly God's children, we will put aside our

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selfishness and put our arms around one another. We will obey the Father. You see, we have to decide where we are, who we are, and where we want to go. There are two choices, God or Satan. There is no in between. Our fruit will tell. Jesus is our example. He walked the earth facing the same problems we do. He was tempted, but His desire was to do the Father's Will. Jesus' whole life was focused on obedience to the Father. What is your desire? To please parents, friends, spouse, self? If that is the case, reassess because if you continue in that direction, Jesus will deny you before the Father.

If you do not totally commit your life to the Lord, then when the storms rise you will be tossed about, you will be like the house built on the sand. Your foundation must be Jesus. If it is, your life will reflect His presence. You see when you give your life to Jesus it isn't a one way proposition. Jesus comes into your life and changes you. You then must "Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ." (Matt. 28:19-20). Your focus is no longer self but others.

Jesus' teachings amazed those who were there when He taught, just as it amazes some of us today. Will you receive His teachings today? Jesus' words come with the authority of the Almighty. He challenges us to let our lives show who we are. Let your light shine so that others can see God in you.

August 19 — Who is Wise?
James 1:1-8; 3:13-18

In the last few weeks we've discovered wisdom, defined wisdom, and learned the way of the wise. In today's lesson we will learn who is the wise individual. Prayerfully study these next two lessons. Seek the revelation of the Holy Spirit in these passages, that He will reveal the truth to you. Then hide that truth in your heart so that you can be strengthened by it in your daily ministry.

Our text is taken from the Epistle of James. His letter is addressed to Jewish Christians, but the contents are applicable to Christians today, as we seek to grow in our relationship with the Lord. The author of this letter is Our Lord's half brother, and a leader of the early church. Yet this isn't how James introduces himself to his audience. Instead he presents himself as a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. What humility! What perspective! In this first verse, James gives us an example of total submission. His life was so focused on working for the Lord, that he viewed himself as His servant. It was James' desire to serve the Lord. This letter was written to help others in their walk with God.

Verse 2 is an admonition to grow in your relationship with God. Here James says you will face adversity as a Christian, but don't get upset, praise the Lord. How ridiculous you say?!? Not really. First of all, realize that Satan is coming at you because you are in the Lord's Will. He is trying to take you off that narrow road to eternal life. You see, the devil wants company in eternity. He has no chance to gain heaven. He will do whatever he can to keep others out too. When you receive Christ as Savior, Satan gets mad and then he goes at it to keep you from growing. Look beyond the temptation and know that any temptation you face, God has provided the grace for you to overcome (II Cor. 12:9) and you can do all things through Christ (Philip. 4:13). You can stand on God's promises. He is faithful. He won't let you down. Now do your part, choose to do the Lord's Will.

In verses 4 and 5 James tells us what these temptations are about, and why we can rejoice in them. My Friends, our trials come to make us strong. When we experience the trials, we learn more about our faith, and how to depend on God for victory. When we have trials and seek the Lord in that time, we grow in our determination for Him. Then we can say with Job, "For God I'll live and for God I'll die." Our trials help us to mature in the good and perfect will of God. The answer to facing the snares of Satan is to seek the Lord's wisdom. Wisdom is ours for the asking. The Lord will not keep wisdom from us. He promised not to withhold any good things from us. Know what you're asking for. Wisdom is God's gift that allows us to make godly choices in an ungodly world. God will provide, but you have to ask, and you have to ask a certain way. In verses 6-8 James says when we ask, we must be firm, not wavering. When you waver, you doubt, you hinder your prayer. Doubt limits your faith. Doubt permits you to be tossed about in times of trouble.

James goes on to point out that there are two kinds of wisdom. The two are distinguishable by their fruit. The man who receives wisdom of God will combine wisdom and knowledge in his life; he will be meek. He will want the best for everyone. He will work for the Lord and stand for that which is right (verse 13). In verse 14 James tells of the jealousy and conflicts that result when self is the dominant focus. This selfishness does not seek truth but personal gain. Selfishness, envy and chaos are not of God, it is evil (vv 15-16).

If we are God's children, then the wisdom of God should be active in our lives. James gives some characteristics of the wisdom we seek: we have peace; our desire will be to do that which pleases the Father. It isn't that we won't sin; however, in the face of trials we can say with Paul, "I count it all joy!" We have the victory if we let the Lord work in our lives and receive His gift of wisdom.

August 26 — Hearing and Doing
James 1:22-2:26

In the final lesson of the 1989-90 year, we continue to learn how wisdom works in our lives. Our text reminds us that Christians are called to a life of service. We who have received the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ — have the responsibility to share the Good News of salvation and to show the power of God in our lives.

Verse 22 is a command seasoned with a warning. We are to be doers of the Word. The Christian's daily walk should show the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. James says we must be doers of the Word, not just hearers. The Lord needs workers in the vineyard everyday not pew warmers on Sunday morning. If we follow God's commands our lives will speak for us. Jesus taught us that we are the salt of the earth; salt doesn't do any good sitting on a shelf. It has to be used on the food for the seasoning to work. So we must be about our Father's business. Christianity is active; it is a life of service.

James says those who are hearers only are like the person who sees his face in the mirror and then forgets what he saw. The image didn't stick with him. If you truly give your life to the Lord, it will be your desire to do for Him, because the lamp of God's Word will burn in you. Even when we don't understand why we have to do things, God calls us to be doers of His Word. Now there are some of you who will claim Christianity will keep you from doing this or that, but the fact is Christianity liberates you from guilt and the power of sin.

As God's children we are to honor Him in all that we do. For many of us, our tongue is our biggest enemy to obedience. We want to say what we want, when we want, to whomever we want, and to do it "in the Name of the Lord." But James says that if we don't willfully control the tongue, no matter how religious we appear to be, we are deceiving ourselves and our religion is empty. What comes from the mouth, indicates what is in the heart. As doers of the Word, everything should be flavored with God, for God is love.

In verse 27 James gives us a synopsis of active faith. He says pure religion cares for the poor and those who cannot help themselves. (In James' time, widows and orphans were some of the most helpless.) James goes on in Chapter 2 verses 1-8 to talk about caring for those in need and not showing favoritism. James uses the word "poor" in the verses. This does not limit our focus to financial poverty, it could be spiritual or emotional. We are not to put one person above another. In God's sight, we are one in the body of Christ. We have to be able to put our arms around our fellow man, rich or poor. Jesus came to redeem all of mankind. Salvation is God's free gift to us. How dare we then show favoritism to one of God's children because he has more material wealth than another of God's children. We must love one another; it is God's commandment for our lives.

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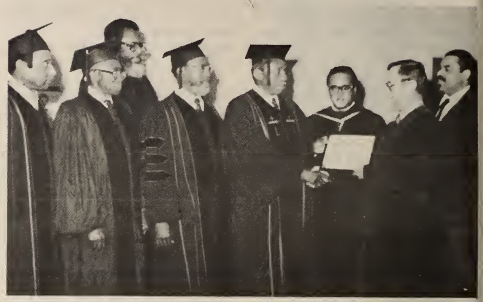
NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Silver Mount Announces Youth Program



Dr. William Lee, Jr., Pastor of the New Silver Mount Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., standing by the Chrysler "New Yorker" used in a give-away program to build playfields for more than 500 youth. The four million dollar new church is shown in the background, and is expected to be completed in July 1990. The church sponsors a youth program called "For the Cause of a Child" call 704/596-3821 for more information.

Metrolina Seminary Center Has Graduation



The Metrolina Seminary Center of Charlotte, NC graduated four of its 90-student group during the closing service for the summer. All four have completed 324 in class hours and received a "diploma in pastoral ministries" from Shaw Divinity School of Raleigh, NC. Dr. William Lee Jr. has been director of the center for eight years and graduated from the program four years ago. He is now working toward a 10-course advance diploma. From right to left: Professor Harvey Shropshire, Greek and Hebrew teacher; Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, State Director of Seminary Extensions; Dr. William Lee Jr., Director of the Charlotte Center; Rev. Winford Galmon, graduate; Rev. R.W. Ramsey, graduate; and Rev. J.A. Cuthbertson, graduate. They will join Dr. Lee in work toward the 10-units advance diploma program in September, when the center will open for the fall session.

Election Announcements

Charles T. Bullock, Candidate for Second Vice President



Dr. Charles T. Bullock

I, Charles T. Bullock, officially announce my candidacy for the position of second vice president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. I presently serve as fourth vice president of the convention and pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

My support of and attendance to the convention began while a student at Shaw Divinity School, and have continued through the years. I have served on committees and worked in various capacities of the convention and have witnessed the continued growth of the convention over the years. I am presently a member of the Executive Committee and General Board. It is my desire to continue to be a participant in the progress and future growth of our convention by serving as an elected officer in the ongoing of its administration. I look to God for guidance in all that I attempt to do. For my life is one of commitment and devotion to Christ and His ministry. In meeting the challenge of ministry for this convention I must put God first, for this is God's work and I realize that I must trust Him for guidance.

I recognize the Holy Spirit as being the moral agent of my life, and directs my path. Therefore, I seek His guidance as I commit myself to carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the office of second vice president and objectives of the executive committee of our convention.

I was born in Granville County, North Carolina where I received my elementary and secondary education. I am a graduate of Shaw University where I earned the bachelor of arts degree and Shaw Divinity School where I received the master of divinity and was awarded the doctor of divinity (honorary) degrees.

My pastoral and religious experiences have been broad and include: Nashville Baptist Church, Laurinburg; Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Creedmoor; Snow Hill Baptist Church, Warrenton; First Baptist church, Weldon; and St. James Baptist Church, where I have been since 1972.

I served as Social Studies teacher at the North Warren High School, Wise, N.C.

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Clifford A. Jones Sr. announces "grace and peace be unto you"



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

The Twenty-First Century is upon us and this century will offer a unique challenge for Christendom and especially the African-American Baptist Church. Historically, doctrine (teaching) about Baptism, communion, the meaning of being a Baptist and Faith and Order were major issues. Today, and in the Twenty-First Century, these doctrinal issues have the least influence on persons joining churches. I strongly believe that with a lack of doctrinal emphasis there is a strong tendency to an "autonomous spirit" individualistically and ecclesiastically.

The General Baptist State Convention has been a bulwark for Baptists in North Carolina for over 100 years. Our convention has been and must continue to be a power effecting voice of Christ Jesus and His Kingdom. It is essential that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated offer leadership to her member churches doctrinally, educationally and spiritually.

I prayerfully desire to be part of a leadership team to set the agenda for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and consequently announce my candidacy for the position of **Vice-President-At-Large.** We have a solid foundation and other loyal and dedicated persons who offer themselves to serve the Lord Jesus Christ through our convention. I desire your prayerful considgration and vote during the election in the annual session in October 1990.

Presently, I am serving as Moderator of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association and Moderator of Moderators of the General Baptist State Convention; I have served churches in the Deep River, Western Union and United Shiloh Associations, and was ordained by the Mud Creek Association. I have served as Recording Secretary for the General Baptist State Convention. Presently, I am serving on the General Board, as Vice-President of the Executive Committee and other local and state committees. I also serve as 2nd Vice-President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Conven-

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Dr. Bigelow to celebrate 25 years at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church

By Mrs. V. Jones Walthour, Church Secretary

The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church honored their dynamic minister for his 25 years of service to his flock.

There was a special dinner with his official staff and presidents of the organizations held at the Hartman's Steak House in Durham on Friday, June 15. On Saturday, June 23, we expected an arrival of five bus loads from Newark, N.J. and its pastor, Dr. C.E. Thomas of the New Hope Baptist Church, along with others that came by air and cars.

Following a tasty dinner, the guests were entertained at the pastor's ranch in Durham and departed on Monday.

Dr. Bigelow has rendered outstanding service to the Albright community where the church is located, and to the city of Durham as well. He is known throughout the state and country for his great leadership and his unique preaching ability. Once you have been in the presence of Dr. Bigelow, you must know that he is a man, called by God, to minister to those who would be ministered to.

There are many great things that this pastor has done but just to give you a minute picture of his works — he was called to the St. Paul Baptist Church in June, 1965 with a membership of about



Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church with new fellowship hall and annex.

183. Today, its membership roll is over 4,000. In February of 1966, he led the congregation back into a new building but in 1972 a larger sanctuary was completed for the worshippers. Later, the walls that joined both buildings together were removed to again enlarge the sanctuary. In January 1990, a large fellowship hall designed to seat close to 500 people, was completed.

He led the church into purchasing property around the church for parking lots and today we have four, with one of them in the process of being enlarged.

Dr. Bigelow is married tot he former Lillian Hughes. They have three children, Ronnie, Patricia and Steve and six grandchildren.

Dr. W.T. Bigelow pastored the First Baptist Church in Apex, before coming to Greater St. Paul. He holds the Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology and the Doctor of Humane Letters Degrees from the United Christian College at Goldsboro, the Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg, Va., and the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh. He is active in the General Baptist State Convention, Baptist Pastors Conference at Columbus, Oh., the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign and Home Missionaries; and the National Baptist Evangelistic Association. He is a past moderator of the East



Dr. W.T. Bigelow

Cedar Grove Association. He is renown national evangelist and has conducted revival for the United States Air Force in Frankfurt, Germany. He is the author of "Evangelism — A Broad Open View" published in 1983. His hobbies include ranching (he and his sons buy and train show horses), riding horses, making his ranch available to church membership for cook-outs and motorcycling. His motto is "To God be the Glory" we are better blessed to have this man of God as our leader and our prayer is that God will continue to use him to lead his children on to victory.

Rev. George B. Jackson called to Mount Prospect Baptist in Rock Hill, SC



Rev. George B. Jackson

The Reverend George B. Jackson has been called to pastor at Mount Prospect Baptist Church. Reverend Jackson comes to Mount Prospect from Salisbury, North Carolina where he pastored Yadkin Grove Baptist Church. He is a graduate of North Carolina Central and a candidate for the Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Reverend Jackson is the seventh pastor of this historic church and brings a distinguished list of activities. He envisions for Mount Prospect a **Lifestyle Center** and an emphasis on the development of youth christian activities.

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tion. Serving in these capacities has enabled me to be aware and sensitive to the needs of our churches (rural and urban), auxiliaries of the convention and clergy.

Our future is bright as a convention as long as we follow Biblical mandate, The Holy Spirit and Christian principles. As Vice-President-At-Large, I pledge my energies, skills and resources to do God's Will through the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

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overhead among all Black missions programs.

"Last year only 18 percent of each dollar donated to Lott Carey missions was spent for administrative expenses here at home; fully 82 cents of each dollar actually reached the mission field," Somerville said. Even that is higher than in previous years when only 12 to 15 percent went for operating costs.

Still, these figures are far better than those recorded by other Black mission-sending organizations. In fact, "The Lott Carey Convention came into existence in reaction to a report by a secretary for a foreign mission board who admitted that 75 percent of its income had been used for operating expenses, and only 25 percent ever got overseas," said Somerville

That was many years ago. But even today, many churches in other Baptist denominations prefer to channel their missions offerings through the Carey Convention, even though all of the three other large Black Baptist conventions also have missions departments. Fully 80 percent of the 3,885 churches that contribute to Lott Carey belong to another national Baptist convention, Somerville said.

In fact, one of the major distinctions between Lott Carey and the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., the National Baptist Convention of America, and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, is that Lott Carey does not consider itself a denominational entity. "We major in missions. We do not carry on national or local programs in Christian education, home missions, local ministry or benevolences." As a result, Somerville claimed, "There is no conflict whatever between the other conventions and us."

The Carey Convention does have a Women's Auxiliary, Laymen's League and Youth Department. But these function to support missions almost exclusively. There is, however, an annual Lott Carey Youth Seminar held the last of June at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., which addresses youth problems and Christian faith. The retreat attracted more than 300 youths this past summer.

Begun in 1897 by a group of 25 clergy meeting in Washington, D.C. (where its five-member staff has headquarters), the convention was born in the midst of controversies that would later split the entire Black Baptist movement. Three issues were paramount for Lott Carey organizers, states Leroy Fitts, author of a book on the subject. The issues were: an eastern site for missions headquarters (even today Lott Carey's biggest supporter is the entire General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina); cooperation with white Baptists; and world missions as its sole agenda.

It bears the name of Lott Carey, the first Black missionary to Africa. Born about 1780 in Virginia, Carey was a slave who purchased his freedom by selling packets of waste tobacco, and he preached widely in Baptist churches from Lynchburg to Norfolk, Va.

Partly because of political sentiment in accord with the African Colonization Society, and partly because of his interest in the salvation of African forebearers, he left the U.S. in 1821, and arrived first in Sierra Leone and later in what is now Liberia.

"There never has been an hour or a minute, no, not even when the balls were flying round my head, when I could wish myself again in America," Carey later wrote.

A similar sense of racial pride and mission motivates even its present leader, Dr. W.C. Somerville. "I have a great deal of race pride. I care about all problems related to our people," he says. That includes the spiritual, educational and health problems of Black people all over the world.

A graduate of Shaw, Oberlin and Howard, the 82-year old Somerville still drives his car every day and requires no medicine, despite his age. For over 60 years he has preached the gospel, ever since his ordination in 1928 at Rocky Mount, N.C.

"I don't know of anything in the world I want that I don't have," he claims. And to put this in focus, he points out that he is both the lowest-paid full-time missions director anywhere in the U.S. (he has rejected efforts to raise his salary), an also the largest yearly contributor among all alumni, to Shaw, his alma mater.

"But I am dissatisfied (in a spiritual sense) until everyone else can say, as I can, that they are proof that what God has promised has happened."

Plan now to attend the 93rd Session meeting with the Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, August 27-31, 1990.

For more information contact: Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, 1501 11th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; 202/667-8493.

Saint John Baptist Church Statesville, NC Calls Dr. J.G. Whitfield

St. John Baptist Church, 1438 Church Street held an installation service for their new pastor, Dr. J.G. Whitfield, on Sunday, June 3, 1990.

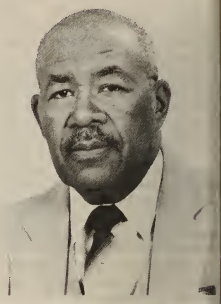
Dr. Whitfield was called as pastor of the church in February of this year.

A graduate of Lincoln High School in Ft. Smith , Ark., Dr. Whitfield studied at Arkansas Baptist College for two and one half years. He later transferred to the Liberty Baptist College at Muskogee, Oklahoma where he received the Bachelor of Theology degree. He graduated from Universal Life University in Modesto, California where he received the Doctorate Degree of Philosophy of Religion.

He has pastored in Oklahoma, Indiana and North and South Carolina. Dr. Whitfield holds a degree in Biblical studies and has a primary certificate in theology. He taught in the Oklahoma School of Religion and Liberty Baptist College in Oklahoma.

Rev. S.H. Barber and the congregation of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gastonia will be the host for the service.

Rev. George Ervin, and Rev. Wilford Bailey, members of the Black Ministerial Alliance, will participate in the service. The public is invited to attend.



Dr. J.G. Whitfield

Alumnae Associated Honors Dr. Otis L. Hairston, Sr., Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC

By Cureton Johnson, Associate Editor

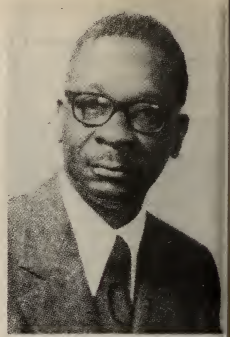
The Bennett College National Alumnae Association honored four people during the annual All Bennett Luncheon in May at the Hilton Inn Airport. One of those honored was the Reverend Dr. Otis L. Hairston, Sr., Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C.

The Rev. Hairston received the Friend of Bennett Award.

The Rev. Otis L. Hairston Sr., pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro, will receive the Friend of Bennett Award.

The award is given to an individual who has not attended Bennett who has made outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the alumnae association and the college, and exemplifies high moral character, ideals and integrity.

Hairston has spearheaded his congregation's fund-raising efforts for Bennett College and the United Negro College Fund Campaign. He serves as a member of the Bennett College Board of Trustees.



Dr. Otis Hairston

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News From Around The State

Mount Pisgah moves into new home

By Ellen McNeill,
Publicity Chairman

It finally happened, after many years of praying, planning and working, the Mount Pisgah Church finally moved to its new home on Sunday, April 6, 1990.

It was a day of mixed emotions; melancholy at moving from the old structure which held so many memories of years gone by, and yet happiness and great expectations of moving to a new building.

The new building was constructed with high energy management as one of its most outstanding features. The sanctuary is surrounded by classrooms and office space, overlooked by a balcony and two second-level classrooms overlaying a kitchen and walkway. Later a part of the old building which housed the fellowship hall, will be connected to make the total church building facilities more than 10,000 square feet.

The sanctuary capacity contains seating for about 300 plus with an additional space for 27 in the choir loft and 50 in the balcony. In this new setting, baptismal services are now a part of the 11 a.m. worship hour. It is certainly more spiritual to be able to be a part of the service in a total worship atmosphere. This makes the service more meaningful to both those being baptized and those who are witnessing in the sanctuary.

The last four months of 1989 and all of 1990 have been extremely busy for our congregation. With a construction project ongoing, it was a challenge to continue in all of the other aspects of the ministry and business of a church in today's society. The high cost of a building project does not eliminate the need for a church to continue in supporting the needs of persons in the community and other phases of mission work along with the obligations and responsibilities of its purpose. Some members felt as if they would "catch themselves coming and going." However, from mid-March through May 6, was the busiest time of all.

This period began the finalization of all the months of preparation, shopping for needed furniture, pulling together information for a week of nightly services leading up to the dedication services on May 6, and the publication of a booklet of memoirs to be distributed.

Weekly services were held beginning on Monday, April 30, and all of those services culminated with the dedication services on Sunday, May 6. The entire community and many church members of the surrounding counties joined with us in an unforgettable week of services where area pastors along with their officers, usher boards, choirs and congregations led us in worship nightly.



Reverend R.L. Davis, Pastor, Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Raeford, N.C.



Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Dedicated May 6, 1990.

Monday: Rev. W.K. Mitchell, Pastor and Silver Grove Baptist Church, Raeford, N.C.

Tuesday: Doctor J.D. Fuller Sr., Pastor, and Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.

Wednesday: Rev. I.E. Swann, Pastor, Spring Lake Memorial Baptist Church, Spring Lake, N.C.

Thursday: Rev. John McCoy, Pastor, Spring Lake Memorial Baptist Church, Spring Lake, N.C.

Friday: Rev. Donald R. Jenkins, Pastor, St. Luke Baptist Church, Laurinburg, N.C., with special musical presentations by Piney Grove Church Choir from Raeford, N.C.

At Sunday afternoon's services Dr. M.B. Hayes, Moderator of the Union Baptist Association, presided over the final dedicatory services. Other ministers on the program were Rev. T.R. Patterson of Fayetteville, Rev. Wilbert Hines of Charlotte, Rev. J.L. Gilchrist of Lumberton and our own Associate Minister Rev. T.R. Whitted. The pastor, Rev. Davis, was well pleased with the attendance of his father and two of his brothers, all of whom are ministers, along with the number of out of town members and guests.

Dr. Craig's congratulations to the congregation began with the **two ships** that must come together to construct a building; **leadership and fellowship.** He brought greetings from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, as he commended the pastor, officers and congregation on the work they had completed. Further, he challenged them not to stop now, and not to make errors that many churches have made with the completion of a building. Dr. Craig stressed the importance of continuing to work together and to do **"God's will."** His subject was **"Can The Church Fail?"** which he developed to fully explain the needs that present day churches must accomplish in doing the Lord's work. The sermon was very inspiring as it challenged the membership individually and collectively to go about its mission.

Music for this very special occasion was by the Mount Pisgah Mass Choir.

Sunday, May 20, was the day of the **Masons,** as cornerstone services were held. East Freedom Masonic Lodge participated in spiritual services as the various phases of the construction and building project ended.

Now, the congregation is faced with continuing its present work and expanding into all areas of mission as it has been challenged.

Present day Mount Pisgah, which was once Brush Harbor (a temporary structure built with nothing but tree limbs bound together and covered with thick brush) has come a long way. From the brush to a clapboard structure, then a masonry building, and now a modern brick energy efficient facility. **"Praise Ye the Lord."** We know that it is God who has stood by our side from the brush to the brick, and to **Him** we shall give all the praises and thanks.

Pastor Davis is continuing to challenge the membership to go on in the field of mission; and along with the recent "Adopt a Highway" program, current plans are to implement a bus ministry and to begin a day care facility. The church must be a vital part of the total community. The church must continue to strive toward being a vital, living church that genuinely serves the needs of its people. In essence, we must fulfill the call of the Great Commission: **"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost."**

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and John Graham High School, Warrenton, N.C. I also served as teacher and counselor at Northwest High School, Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Presently I serve on the faculty of Shaw Divinity School and the faculty of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

My past civic and professional affiliations include: president, Shaw Divinity Club; moderator, County Line Missionary Baptist Ministers and Deacons Union; chairman, Administrative Council, United Voters League of Halifax County; member volunteer chaplaincy, Nash General Hospital, Rocky Mount Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.

I hold membership on the following boards: The Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina; The Board of Education, Rocky Mount City Schools, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; The Board of Visitors North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; Board of Directors American Red Cross, Rocky Mount-Nash County Chapter; Executive Board, Neuse River Association.

In announcing my candidacy for the office of second vice president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated, I ask for your prayers, your support, and your vote as we shall work together for the progress and growth of our convention.

Vivian Bobbitt Mitchell Receives Degree

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

Vivian Bobbill Mitchell of Wendell, NC received the Masters of Christian Education 2 Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during Commencement Exercises on May 12, 1990.

Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of Saint Augustine College, Raleigh, NC and is married to Edward Mitchell of Wendell, N.C.



Vivian B. Mitchell

VACANT PULPITS

Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church Seeking Pastor

Rev. W.C. Horton, pastor of Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church, will retire effective August 1990. The church is now in the process of securing a minister to succeed Rev. Horton. Ordained Missionary Baptist ministers who are interested in applying for the pastorate should submit resume to:

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First Baptist Chadbourn Seeks Pastor

Rev. Henry Jones, Sr., Pastor of 1st Baptist Chadbourn will retire effective August 1990. The church is now in the process of selecting a minister to succeed Rev. Jones.

Ordained Baptist Ministers who are interested in applying for the Pastorate should submit a resume to:

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OCTOBER 1990

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13 Woman's State Convention Program Committee, 12:00 Noon, Baptist Headquarters, Conference Room
29-1 General Baptist State Convention Annual Session, Raleigh, NC
29-30 Laymen's League Annual Session, Raleigh, NC

NOVEMBER 1990

3 Youth Evangelism Conference Woman's Convention Reidsville, NC
5 World Day of Prayer (BWA — Woman's Department)
14 Shaw Divinity School Semi-Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees
17 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
17 Woman's State Convention Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., Conference Room
18 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
22 THANKSGIVING DAY

General Baptist To Elect New Officers At Annual Session

October 29-November 1, 1990
Raleigh, North Carolina

By Dr. J.B. Humphrey

I am pleased to announce the Annual Session of the GBSC October 29-November 1, 1990, to convene in Raleigh, N.C.

As my tenure as President comes to an end I want to thank the many General Baptist and friends of our convention for the support you have given me.

The Convention still is the strongest African-American State Baptist Convention in the country. We strive daily to meet our objectives; fellowship and unity have flourished; and many milestones have been achieved the past four years.

God has blessed us all in many ways. I give my praise to our Almighty Savior for giving me strength to lead our Convention.

My family and I have been blessed so much. Your calls, cards, letters, and prayers will be an inspiration to us for many years to come.

I want to especially thank the First Baptist Church-West, Charlotte, N.C., for their support and love these past four years, God will bless them.

Finally I want to encourage all GBSC churches to plan now to attend our upcoming session.

Send your messengers, vote for the candidates of your choice. I love you all. Thank you!



Dr. J.B. Humphrey
President

Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker To Highlight Convention Program

By Dr. Percy High, Pastor
Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.

Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker will be our guest lecturer and preacher at our Annual Session October 29-November 1, 1990 in Raleigh, N.C.

Wyatt Tee Walker, Senior Pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, has been called "Harlem Renaissance Man" by Jesse Jackson, because of his multiple gifts and varied careers.

Dr. Walker enjoys an enviable reputation as a preacher/pastor in the national community. A double-graduate of Virginia Union University (B.S., 1950; M.Div., 1953) and holds an earned doctorate from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School (1975) and several Honorary Doctorial Degrees. His graduate studies have taken him to the University of Ife in Nigeria and the University of Ghana at Legon.

An energetic businessman as well as pastor, Dr. Walker has developed more than 33 million dollars of affordable housing in Central Harlem under the aegis of the Canaan Church. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Freedom National Bank where he was a director for ten years.

Since 1979, he has distinguished himself as a prolific author and essayist. "Spirits That Dwell In Deep Woods II," the second of a three-volume work, firmly establishes him as one of the nation's top authorities on the music of the African American church. His landmark work in the field, "Somebody's Calling My Name" is considered a classic in many quarters. For more than a decade, he has done research and compiled a collection which have borne fruit that must be considered pioneer work in the field of ethnomusicology. He has written eight (8) books. He is a composer of sacred music, as well as an exhibiting artist.

Dr. Walker is widely traveled abroad. He currently serves as a Commissioner in the Commission on the Programme to Combat Racism of the World Council of Churches. He has been active in the international peace movement and the struggle against apartheid in South Africa and Namibia, in his capacity as Chair of the Religious Action Network of the American Committee on Africa.

Dr. Walker is a native of Brockton, Massachusetts. He is married to the former Theresa E. Edwards and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Ann Patrice Powell; three sons: Wyatt Tee Jr., Robert Charles and Earl Maurice, and the newest member of the family, a granddaughter, Christina Ann Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell.



Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear Fellow Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions and Members of the Baptist Family:

The month of August is the last month of our fiscal year 1989-90. As we move forward to the 31st of August, we prayerfully urge you to put forth every effort to honor your suggested quota for the objectives. For the months of June and July, we urge you to meet your suggested quotas for Shaw University, the Divinity School and Foreign Missions. The month of August is designated for State Missions and the Central Children's Home.

We urgently need your State Missions dollars in order for us to meet our financial obligations and close the fiscal year on a high note.

We are behind in our State Missions gifts. Therefore, I am counting on you as Mid-night Friends of the General Baptist State Convention to give your support and cooperation as we put forth every effort to reach our financial goal on or before August 31, 1990.

Certificates of distinction and appreciation will be given to pastors and churches who have met their suggested quotas during the Annual Session of the convention, which will meet in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 28-November 1, 1990.

The President of our Convention, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, joins me in thanking you for what you have done, for what you are doing now, and for what you will do in promoting the work of our great Convention with your support and cooperation. Information concerning the Annual Session of our General Baptist State Convention and the Annual Session of the Laymen League will be sent to you within the next few weeks. Please circle the dates of October 28-November 1, 1990 on your calendar.

Learn What The Bible Teaches About Giving

GIVE-WILLINGLY

"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saits" (2 Cor. 8:3-4).

GIVE-SACRIFICIALLY

"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:43-44).

GIVE-PURPOSEFULLY

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold" (Luke 19:8).

GIVE-INCREASINGLY

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

GIVE-LIBERALLY

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

GIVE-FAITHFULLY

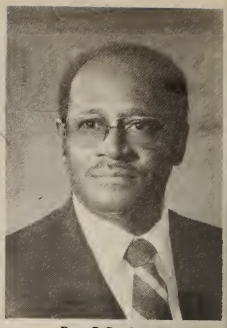
"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful . . . Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . ." (1 Cor. 4:2, 16:2).

GIVE-COMPASSIONATELY

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how devilish the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17).

GIVE-GLADLY

"Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).



Dr. C.C. Craig

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By
Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



Pray For World Peace & Love

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more."

— Isaiah 2:4

The prophet Isaiah tells us that one day there will be "Peace in the Valley of Life" — one day.

At this time our world is in a military crisis. Hundreds of thousands of our soldiers have been sent to the Middle East.

Some of the youngest, most intelligent, beautiful men and women of our nation face the threat of armed conflict.

Also in our homeland, Africa, Baptist are being oppressed in the Liberian Civil War.

— Warned of his impending death by forces of President Samuel K. Doe, the Executive Secretary of the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education Convention Inc., Charles Blake, fled Liberia and arrived in the United States Tuesday, July 24.

Blake reported that the President of the Baptist Convention, J.K. Levee Moulton is in hiding.

Blake and his family fled Liberia in a Soviet cargo plane that flew on its second to last flight from Spriggs-Payne Airfield, Monrovia to Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

Kept open by Doe's forces to help his people escape, Spriggs-Payne Airfield, Monrovia's last communications link with the outside world, fell to the troops of rebel leader Charles Taylor on Wednesday, July 25 (Report in New York Times, Friday, July 27).

In a phone call to the Baptist World Alliance on Friday, July 27, Blake told Denton Lotz, general secretary of the BWA and Wendy Ryan, director of communications, of untold horror and suffering of Baptists and all Liberians. "They are just killing our people. Whoever they meet they kill," he said. Blake said that religious leaders had especially been targeted by Doe because he believed that they support Taylor.

Doe has armed all of his tribal people, the Khran, including children 12 years and over and they are killing people at random. Currently there is a 24 hour curfew.

Blake confirmed current news reporters that the rebels have captured almost all of Liberia and Doe is cut off and barricaded with approximately 500 soldiers. There are unconfirmed reports that arms have been secretly sent to him from Nigeria.

Blake said that there is also an acute shortage of food and water. Because there has been no rain for three weeks, there is no water and what there is in wells is contaminated because of the dead bodies. "We expect an epidemic at any time," he said.

Because there is hardly any food to eat, "people are eating things that one wouldn't imagine you could eat for survival," he said.

Blake said that the church was in disarray with people scattered everywhere and many killed. He said that last December when the fighting first started, two Baptist churches in Nimba were burnt and many of the 600 members killed.

Last May, all of the churches including the Muslims, met and personally appealed to Doe, and appealed to Taylor through the American embassy. "That worked well," Blake said, but later on, interfaith peace talks in Sierra Leone broke down because Doe refused to step down if Charles Taylor would be the one to run Liberia.

And now the situation is very dangerous.

Blake said that 16 Baptists had planned to attend the 16th Baptist World Congress in Seoul, Korea, August 16-19, 1990, but now would not be able to do so.

The BWA has made it possible for Blake to attend and report to Baptists in Korea.

In his response to Blake, Lotz said that the BWA would appeal to President Bush to help bring an end to the killing and suffering of the people of Liberia and he assured Blake of the prayers of Baptists worldwide.

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"God Is So Good"



By Dr. P.A. Brodie

Because God is so good, the redeemed of the Lord must say so. These words seem to recapture the expressions of those who attended and participated in our 106th Annual Session. For many have said that the Presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested in and by all departments. Many, when reviewing what God had done through WBSC in another year, felt truly a celebration in victory in Jesus Christ. Indeed it was a time of praise, fellowship, teaching, preaching, speaking, giving, praying, singing, rejoicing, evaluating. Do continue to join the Woman's Convention in praising His name; He's so good.

To Dr. J. Ray Butler and Shiloh Baptist Church, our Woman's Convention expresses sincere gratitude for your serving as host pastor and church. To all committee members, participants, messengers, and visitors are we also grateful.

The progress financial report for the first nine (9) months of the 1989-90 fiscal year showed that the amount of $295,243.12 has been received toward the goal of $546,599.99 for our missions' budget. A balance of approximately $251,356.87 is needed to realize the funds for those objectives with whom we share for this fiscal year, ending August 31, 1990.

The proposed 1990-91 budget is $569,084.59. Let us show God's goodness to us by sharing well with them who are seeking to help others.

Family Missions Conference

REGISTRATION FEE:	None. However, envelopes will be given to give a mission-in-action offering.
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WHAT:	Family Missions Conference
WHEN:	Saturday, September 22, 1990
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
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We respect our Ministers as God's anointed ones, and we are grateful to the Pastors and associates who have hosted the Convention through the years. We are especially thankful to Dr. J. Ray Butler and assisting ministers of Winston-Salem for hosting our Annual Session this year. We are happy and satisfied recipients of the various services rendered to us during our stay in Winston.

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Your willingness to share the various talents (that the Holy Spirit has blessed you with) on our programs can not be praised enough.

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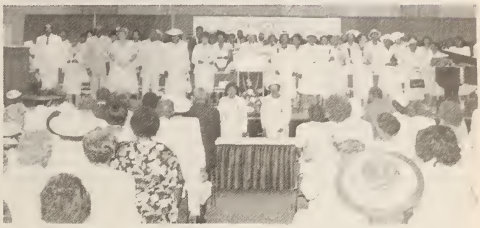
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To our Youth Director, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell; Coordinator, Mrs. Virginia Day; Superintendent Mr. Thomas Smith; and staff members: Your ministry to the youth will have a lasting impression on them. Some souls have been reached through camping experiences.

MY LOCAL CHRISTIAN FAMILY ALL INCLUSIVE

Salisbury-Rowan Missionary Union; District 3 Group 2; Rowan Baptist Association; Woman's Auxiliary to the Rowan Baptist Associations; Moderators, Presidents, and Pastors, working with you as a humble servant has given men room to grow and much space to cover. I am grateful to you for the working relationship that we enjoy together. The members of Mt. Zion are always supportive and encouraging.

My husband, Dr. Johnson; son, Paige; daughter-in-law, Stella; grandchildren, Paige, Jr., Pamela, and Patrice are my behind the scene supporters, as well as my helpful critics.



President Johnson is greeted by messengers of the WBH & FMC.

THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Will everyone who makes up the roster of our convention please stand. I praise God for all of you. You are the spokes inserted in the hub, giving support to every phase of our Missionary endeavors. Our working together across the state in cooperation. But through the spirit of God, we shall stay together as one big happy family, and that, my friends, is success.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we put forth every effort to make our motto, "Christ in Every Home," a reality.
2. That we make soul-winning the chief business of our Missionary Ministry.
3. That we implement a plan of action designed to assess, update, and evaluate progress, goals, and objectives of the Convention, and to establish a timetable for the same.
4. That we study incentives for directing our youth in using their talents for moral, spiritual, physical, and mental development to the glory of God.
5. That we promote broader state-wide news coverage with the help of district promoters providing local papers with Convention's news (highlighting annual sessions, etc.)
6. That we develop a stronger state-wide network chain of communications.
7. That we give the Youth Mission Conference stronger support in its purpose of strengthening the family unit.
8. That we extend appreciation to our Music Committee, under the direction of Mr. Waverly Camp, for the quality of musical selections chosen.
9. That we continue to utilize the wealth of experience and information that Sister Minnie Lyon has treasured from her foreign ministry.
10. That we continue to thank God for Sister Georgia Thompson, chairman of our early morning praise session, and for the support that the messengers contribute to this spiritual service.
11. That we exercise our voting rights as Christian citizens.



Dr. P.A. Brodie, President Eva H. Johnson, Vice President Shirley Bullock.

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OUR THEME:

"THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

REFLECTIONS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDS

As I travel from place to place as a servant of humanity, I see the need to make Christ center in our lives. We are living in a desperate world. Sin has turned society up-side down. Christ is absent in too many of the homes. Family members labor in vain trying to build the family structure without the builder who is the Lord our God, Creator of the world, the Lilly of the Valley, the Good Shepherd, and the King of Kings.

Missionaries, our task is unfinished as long as our neighbors have difficulty in submitting to the authority of Christ, as long as one soul has been denied the opportunity to hear the word of God, as long as we forget that earthly possessions are only ours for a season to enjoy and share, as long as constant silence prevails when truth needs to be spoken, as long as the emphasis on missions has not gripped the pocketbooks of the followers in the support of the Helping Ministry. Therefore, we must undergirdle our mission stewardship program with a sound Christian Education Ministry that will awaken us to see our responsibilities as Christians and respond as Christ has commended us to do. Being obedient to his will must always be our summit. "To trust and obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

The amazing concept of God's purpose for mission service is not a giant job for extraordinary missionaries, but he uses the poor, the weak, the foolish, the unwanted, the hated, the despised, the unloved, the uneducated, the crippled and the outcast to bring glory to him. So let the people of God say, "O blessed Savior, count on me, count on me, count on me, for loving hearted service glad and free. . .O blessed Savior, count on me."

OUR EVANGELISTIC TASK — THE CORE OF MISSION SERVICE

Missionaries, we must march to the sound of Christ who says, "Follow Me." We hear strange sounds around us. The crowds are rushing to the heat of a different drummer, but we only hear the Master's call, "Follow Me, Follow Me says the Master, ion your Christian Stewardship Ministry." The Evangelical Commitment that we made, "Lord, if you need someone, here am I," is proof of our willingness to follow him. "Follow me, says the Master, to your place of worship, and I will renew my people with the spirit of the earliest Christian Church, constituted in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost." The experience was characterized by a quality of fellowship that had never happened before. They were all spiritually filled ad with one accord. They shared their love and possessiveness with each other and there was not one needy person among them. "Follow Me, says the Master, and I will lead you to the unsaved." IF we lift the Savior up for the world to see, he will draw all men unto himself.

A CRY FOR HELP

We are shamefully disturbed over millions of unevangelized people in the world. We must take the Great Commission seriously and continue to proclaim Christ as our living Savior. "Follow me, says the Master, and listen to the cries coming from your brothers and sisters in the international bloc countries." We are indeed shocked by the poverty of millions and the injustice that they endure because of unfaithful stewardship as manages to have dominion over God's created earth. Ours is a world where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. It is our Christian duty to stand with Christ and the unfortunate against all injustice that robs them of their inheritance. This is our Father's world and his children, regardless of race, color or creed, are his heirs.

"Follow me, says the Master, in the spirit of unselfishness right where we live and look all around us and see the devastating conditionw of my people. Behold the shelterless, young and old shivering on street corners and eating from trash cans. Behold little children being hungry and cold, undernourished, under-privileged. Behold single parenting — the unwed mother of several children trying to rear the family without experience and sufficient means. Behold the aged and the infirm, the bereaved and the lonely. Behold the great number of prospective disciples, unsaved and left behind on Sunday as we hurry to church. Behold the evil influence of crime, alcohol and narcotics upon the world today. These horrible conditions challenge us more than ever before to make haste and do something about these neglected and overlooked tasks that are plaguing our society.

OUR ONLY SOLUTION

We pray for wisdom and understanding on how to become more successful in winning lost souls to Christ which is the essence of our Christian duty.

We pray that the Lord will remove this devastating evil from our society that is focused on destroying the minds of our youth who cry daily for a fix in their veins, rather than wisdom in their brain. Unless we can provide a spiritual substitute for them through our Christian training ministry, on the level of their comprehension, we will do little to solve the major problems of our youth.

We pray for more workers who have made a personal acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior, who are committed to God's mission, and are ready to take a strong stand against places of power in the nation and world. God has always prepared leaders to guide the people in their wilderness wanderings.

We pray for those times when Christians become weakened in their faith that there will always be a nucleus of dedicated Christians who are willing to stand firmly on the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

We pray for world's peace based on love for people. Love is peace and freedom. When Christians learn how to love, we will learn the secret of peace and freedom. Missionaries, our unfinished task in Christian Education, is to tell the world that God's love is so strong, so all-encompassing and so perfect that it measures the worth of a born again servant. God's love for us has made such a change in our lives that we want to love everyone in return and to serve humanity to its fullest. "Service is our watch-word. Service for our King's service, fruitful service for the lost; Self upon the altar; counting not the cost."

We pray because Christ invites us to do mighty things in his name. Without daily praying we can do nothing but fail. "He's not only a prayer away; God will be with you whenever you pray. He's only a prayer away."

MISSION IN ACTION

Brothers and sisters, God is depending on us to get the job accomplished.

We must unite our efforts to restore lost morality to its rightful place.

We must do more Christian training to prevent the breakdown of the family circle.

We must find ways of educating our youth against children having babies and the rebellion against established principles and standards.

We must take a stand against the horrible crimes, juvenile delinquency, promiscuity, drug addictions, economic disaster, civic and political chaos that are destroying our Christian standards. Let us put our trust in God because He is the only one who can restore our nation back to its original biblical sanity. God is the only answer for our world today.

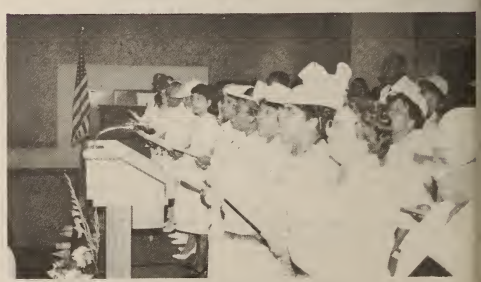
Let us reaffirm our commitment to serve this present age, my calling to fulfill. O may it all my power engage to do my Master's will.

Sisters and brothers, we can not pay Christ for what He has done for us, but we can show our gratitude by serving Him daily. We serve Christ by serving people. Missionaries, we must become our brothers' keeper and be concerned with his needs. **We must** teach people to look in the right spiritual direction for their deliverance. **We must** offer spiritual incentives written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John instead of silently endorsing all day TV watching, newspaper commentaries and funny paper scripts. As Christians, **we must** work with timeless energy to reinstate the principle of Christ in our messed-up world. Sisters and Brothers, if we were to join hands and unite our hearts in prayer, a melodrama action in our souls would burst forth in the harmony of a mission tune: "I'll go where you want me to go." We would witness a rebirth of spiritual values. We would witness the spirit of God stirring our state-wide action. Missionaries, if we meet this challenge of the unfinished task in Christian education, eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and the tongue has not spoken the miracle of God's glory that is in store for those who are working for the Master. Work, for the night is coming. Work through the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling; Work mid spring flowers; Work when the day grows brighter; Work in the glowing sun; Work, for the night is coming, when man's work is done.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNFINISHED TASK IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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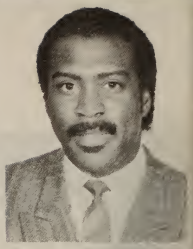
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Summary of September 1990 Sunday School Lessons



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

God has richly blessed us in so many ways; He provides things seen and unseen. This month we are blessed to begin another year of Sunday School. As we begin this year, take a few minutes to think of how far the Lord has brought you. Consider the international changes that we have witnessed this year and are witnessing now. As you consider these events, do not become weary in well doing. Recognize that we have not yet attained; remember the race is given not to the swift, but to him that endures to the end. We must endure as individuals, a people, a church, a world. In order to endure we must remember that we are nothing without the Lord. With the Lord first in our lives, "we are more than conquerors." This is a promise from the Lord, but to stand on this and others, we must be armed. We can only be armed through prayer, study and allowing the Holy Spirit to make the Word live in and through us. Let's begin this exciting year of study with a recommitment to seek first the Kingdom of God.

September 2, 1990 — I Samuel 8; 10:17-27

The focus text for this lesson takes to a critical point in Israel's history. As we studied last year, Israel was caught in a cycle. God blessed Israel; the nation prospered. With prosperity Israel turned away from the direction of the Lord. Trouble encompassed Israel. Outsiders ravaged the people and they took over the country. In their despair, Israel cried to the Lord. The Lord heard Israel's cry and in His love and mercy, He sent a judge to lead Israel out of oppression. The cycle began a gain. Today's text shows us that Israel did not learn what God was trying to show them — if they would make the Lord first in their lives they would prosper; they would live in peace. Instead they chose to reject the Lord's sovereignty and pursue their own desires. They rejected the Lord and chose to follow the example of their heathen neighbors. They demanded a king! The King of Kings and Lord of Lords reigned over them, provided in love for them, and they wanted a human king to run things and fight their battles!

Before we start criticizing Israel, let's take a look around our own back doors. How have you rejected the Lord in your life" What or who do you seek to reign in your life? God has set you apart (if you've confessed and accepted Jesus as your Savior) as one of His children, but you follow the worlds example. Israel rejected the Lord's reign in their lives. They went to Samuel who was the judge in Israel and asked for a king. Samuel was deeply disturbed by the leaders' request. He knew this was not God's Will. Samuel went to the Lord, but God did not violate the Israelites freedom to choose their own pathway. The Lord told Samuel that Israel was not rejecting Samuel as judge, but God's ultimate sovereignty in their lives. He revealed to Samuel the consequences of Israel's choice.

At the Lord's direction, Samuel called Israel together. The nation gathered by tribe and from the tribes the selection of the king of Israel was made known to the people. If you read I Samuel 8 you will find that God had chosen Saul to be king, and that Saul knew he had been chosen. On the day the announcement was made, Saul was nowhere to be found among his kinsmen. How like Saul we are! The Lord charges us with a task and we go into hiding. We whine and cower saying, "Lord, you can't mean me. You really don't want ME to do that do you?" When things were going the way we proclaimed, "Here am I, Lord, send me!" Now the Lord is sending us and we don't believe Him. And just like Saul, we go hide out in the luggage. Be warned for all your hiding, just as Saul couldn't hide, neither can you. If you seek the Lord, He will prepare you for whatever task He sends you to do.

In verse 24 of the text Saul has been found and Samuel presents him to Israel. But look closely at verses 23 & 24. What we find is a description of the physical nature of Saul. This is the man who would rule the nation all the people noticed was how tall and handsome he was! Here is an example of man looking on the outward appearance. These people never asked about Saul's character. They accepted him and were prepared to turn the nation over to him without knowing anything about the man.

Israel was a chosen people, selected by God for a special relationship with Him, but they rejected Him. And to be "like all nations" they requested a king. God gave them what they asked for. And Israel should be an example to us to be careful what we pray for because God is a prayer answering God. In answering Israel's plea, God gave Samuel a message for the people. The message described what Israel under a human king would be like. The reality was that a human king governing the nation was not cure all for their problems. In fact a monarch would create problems for the people. Still they persisted in having a king.

And so Saul started his reign as king of Israel. At the beginning Saul followed the Lord's direction, but he soon felt he could make his own decisions. Saul's self-will was the beginning of the end. Are you like Saul facing the beginning of the end in your life because you will not surrender your will totally to the Lord, because you will not make the Lord sovereign in your life? You can change now, before it's too late. Surrender to Jesus; say with Him, "Father, not my will but Thy Will be done."

Samuel 9 — 2 Samuel 7

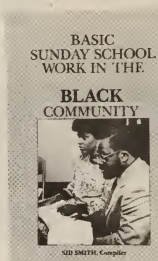
We travel forward in time beyond Saul's self-will and loss of favor with God; beyond his anger with David, the shepherd boy, to a time when this came David sits on the throne as king of Israel. Recall that David was a man "after God's own heart." He succeeded Saul as king and was a popular king. Although Israel faced many battles during David's reign, the nation prospered. David was known as a great warrior. He defeated the Philistine giant Goliath with a pebble, a slingshot, and faith. During Saul's reign a frequently heart saying among the army was, "Saul slayed thousands, but David ten thousands." () David was the shepherd boy God raised to rule Israel. David is an example for each of us. No matter who you are or where you come from, if you will allow the Lord in your life, He can and will use you. You don't have to have a string of letters behind your name or come from a family that lives in a fancy house. If God blesses you with education and material wealth He can use you. Either way you have to come as you are.

David obeyed the Lord, and the Lord blessed David's leadership. Israel prospered. David lived in a fine palace. He surveyed the kingdom that had been committed to him and he realized for all the God given wealth he had, there was no dwelling place for the Lord. The ark containing the covenant had been all over the land. The Philistines had even ca tured it (See I Sam. 5,6). The ark w now in Israel but there was no tabernacl no permanent resting place for it.

David wanted to build a house of t finest materials for the Lord. We are lil David. We want to build the finest buil ings with crystal chandeliers to illumina the aisles, plush carpets and thick cust

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ioned seats to create opulent surroundings in which we come dressed in our finest clothes to sit on Sunday morning. We gather as the choir sings and the preacher preaches. But in all the finery, where is God?

David's plan was to build a house for God to honor Him for all that He had done for Israel and for David himself. David talked with the prophet, Nathan, and Nathan approved David's plan. There was a problem. Neither David nor Nathan had asked the Lord for direction in this project. As you plan for that new job, house, sanctuary or program for your ministry, be sure to seek the Lord to be sure the plan is what God wants for you. In the case of David's plan, the Lord spoke to Nathan in the night and the prophet had to go back to David and tell him that although the plan was a good one David would not be the one to carry it out.

David would not build the temple, but he would begin the preparation. God had a plan for David and Israel, and David would be the vehicle God would use. Israel would regain the promised land and they would not be attacked by the "children of wickedness." This plan was bigger than David could imagine; it was an eternal plan.

The Lord promised to establish a kingdom through David that would last even after David died. Solomon would build the physical temple; Jesus, Who would be a descendant of David would establish the spiritual temple built with the "living stones" of those who confess Christ. This kingdom will stand forever, and Jesus will rule sovereign on the throne. As the kingdom is established, God would be there. He would be a loving Father protecting and chastening His children. God corrected Solomon when he chose to follow his own desires. Jesus would bear the iniquity of us all at Calvary; by His stripes we are healed. David's plan was put on hold. He had to change direction. We also have to seek the Lord's Will for our lives. But not only do we have to learn God's will we have to accept it. Accepting God's will can be hard if we have not given Him priority in our lives and we want to do something else. David had to wait. Sometimes we have to wait. If God tells you to wait, will you obey?

Saul learned the hard way that God prefers obedience to sacrifice (I Sam. 15:22-23). David's waiting resulted in a great temple and the establishment of an eternal kingdom. Waiting doesn't mean sitting on your hands. It means doing what you have been given to do, studying, praying, and listening to the Lord. Will you wait for the Lord to direct you?

September 16 — Samuel 11:1-12:15

Today's lesson takes place during the reign of David. Nathan continued in the office of prophet, and our printed text opens with Nathan telling the king a parable (2 Sam 12:1-4). David was known as a just man, and he was angered by the brief story. Why would the rich man take the only lamb, the beloved lamb of the poor man? (In David's time people often kept a lamb a pet the way we do a dog or cat today). David's judgment against the rich man was extreme and not in accordance with the law. He passed the death sentence on the man. David did not know that Nathan was speaking a parable. The king went on to demand that the rich man must pay the poor man four times over because he killed the lamb for his own selfish purposes and did not have any regret for what he had done.

Matthew 7:1 admonishes, "Judge not that you be not judged." If only David had looked before he leaped! Nathan with an authority and boldness that comes only from the Lord stood before the king of Israel and said, "You are the man" (v. 7). David though that he'd gotten away with adultery, fornication, conspiracy, and murder. But God had seen David's sin with Bath-sheba. He was there when David planned to kill Uriah and He was there when David gave the command to place Uriah in the line so that he would be killed in battle.

Now it was David who stood at the judgment seat. But in David's case sentence would be passed by the Almighty Judge. Nathan was the Lord's spokesman and delivered the sentence from God to David (vv. 7-15). If you read on in the book of 2 Samuel, you will learn how the sentence was carried out. Psalm 51 reveals David's heartfelt conviction and repentance for his sin. David realized the severity of his sin; he knew that his sin involved more than himself. David's sin also touched Bath-sheba, Uriah, David's wives, David's children, Israel and above all as David says in Psalm 51:4, the Lord. When we sin, that sin reaches beyond just us, and most importantly it separates us from the close walk with God that He desires with us.

God has abundantly blessed you. What "secret" sin are you harboring? What hinders you from a closer walk with God. Remember the Lord knows all and He will reward publicly what is done in secret. Seek the Lord. Confess your sin. Develop the wonderful relationship with Him that He wants for all of us. Learn from David's example. You will have to face the consequences of your sin, but the Lord is faithful. He will forgive you. He will "renew a right spirit in" you. Seek the Lord while He may be found.

September 23 — I Kings 21

Travel with me over the years, battles, and strife to a time long after David's reign. Israel by now was divided into a northern kingdom, Israel, and a southern kingdom, Judah. The division took place after Solomon's death. Solomon, you remember had the task of building the temple for the Lord, that his daddy, David had envisioned. But Solomon's building program involved more than the temple. You know, when we go to building whether it's our homes or a new sanctuary, we want all the latest fixtures and modern conveniences. Well all those conveniences cost money. To pay for all the building Solomon was doing he heavily taxed the people. When Solomon died the Israelites went to Rehoboam, Solmon's son who rose to the throne, for relief. (Remember God's warning to the Israelites when they asked for a king!) Rehoboam not only refused to lighten the burden he promised to raise taxes (I Kings 12:1-14. The people revolted and the nation was divided. The division lasted 260 years.

About 62 years after King Solmon's reign, Ahab came into power as King of Israel — the northern kingdom. He was not a godly man. In fact, Scripture says "He did evil in the sight of the Lord" more than all those who came before him (I Kings 16:30). Today's text begins with Ahab seeking a vineyard from his neighbor, Naboth. Ahab wanted the land because it was close to his house, and he wanted to turn it into an herb garden. In return Ahab promised Naboth a finer vineyard. Ahab wanted the vineyard, for its convenience, and to suit his own purposes. Not much has changed since Ahab's time. We still want life to be convenient. We want our Christianity to be convenient and we want it on our terms for our purposes.

Naboth had inherited the vineyard, and it was against the Law of Moses to sell inherited property except in extreme financial crisis. (This shows how Ahab had strayed from the guidelines set up for the kings. The king was to have his own personal copy of the Law and he was to study and meditate on it daily.) Naboth didn't have severe money problems so he reminded the king of the law and turned him down. Ahab, king of Israel, then stalked off to his room to sulk. Ahab's wife, Jezebel went in to see why the king was in such a bad mood. Ahab had gone to his room to feel sorry for himself. How do you respond to disappointment? You have two choices when things don't work out the way you want them to. You can follow Ahab's example, which allows Satan to move in and sow seeds of destruction, bitterness, illness, and all other negative things, or you can allow the Spirit of God to turn your disappointment into "His appointment."

Jezebel was a self-willed woman, rather than Spirit led. She asked Ahab, when she learned why he was locked away in his room, "Aren't you the king?" She took advantage of her husband's position to order the murder of Naboth, so that Ahab could have it (I Kings 21:8-11a). Jezebel forged the king's seal and had two worthless men come forth and lie on Naboth, accusing him of blasphemy against the Lord. Blasphemy was a sin punishable by stoning until dead. All of this happened because Ahab couldn't have his way so he locked himself in his room. We can't neglect our responsibilities because we are disappointed. We will still have to answer for what does or doesn't happen.

Our text demonstrates this point very clearly. The Scriptures don't tell us if Ahab was aware of what Jezebel had done in his name, but it does tell us that he went to take possession of Naboth's vineyard. While Ahab was in the vineyard the Lord sent the prophet Elijah with a message for the king. The message tells us that The Lord held Ahab responsible for Naboth's death an he would face the penalty of death in the same place Naboth was killed. Your sin will not go unpunished. Search your life now. Sin is sin whether you commit the act or your failure to act results in sin. Seek the Lord's direction and obey His Will. His love will support you no matter what the task.

September 30 — I Kings 22:1-40

This lesson is the second in our studies of the problems that occurred in the northern kingdom of Israel. Our text focuses again on the king, Ahab. Ahab did his own thing.

He failed to heed God's direction despite the Word the Lord sent through the prophets, and the consequences that came about because of Ahab's self-will. Today we meet another prophet Micaiah. Ahab was angry with the prophecies this man Micaiah gave, for they did not favor the king. One historian reports that because Micaiah was faithful to prophecy only as the Lord directed regardless of how it came out for the king, Ahab had him imprisoned. Yet in this critical decision for the kingdom and the king Ahab sought Micaiah's counsel.

Ahab was not unlike many of us. In our daily lives we want to do what we want to do, but when we face a major decision or critical time in our lives, we call on the Lord. It is in these times that we seek the guidance of those godly people God has placed in our lives. In the case of Micaiah, the messenger pleaded with the prophet to prophesy in favor of the king. But Micaiah stood firm in his obedience to the Lord, "Whatever the Lord says to me, I will say it." When God calls you to a task to not do the job is sin.

When Micaiah arrived before the king, Ahab asked the prophet is Israel should go into battle. Micaiah's response was the same as the other prophets gave, but different. It was different in such a way that Ahab was not answering truthfully. The king was angry and raved about wanting only the Word from the Lord. In his angry tirade Ahab was not prepared for the soft spoken reality that Israel would be defeated, the people would be scattered and Ahab would be killed (I Kings 22:17). Ahab's response to Micaiah was an angry retort, "I told you he would have nothing good to say about me."

Ahab's heart was cold. He refused to allow the Lord in his life. Twice during his reign Ahab's death had been foretold. Now the time had come for Ahab to die. Verse 21-23 reveal Micaiah's vision of how Ahab would go into battle and be killed. In fact, the vision had already unfolded by the time Micaiah was given the opportunity to tell it. The prophets in Ahab's court lied to him, told him what he wanted to hear, so they would stay in his favor. Ahab chose to listen to them and he went into battle and was killed.

Ahab's vision was a warning to Ahab. Ahab chose not to listen to it. The Lord speaks to us today through His Word, through those He calls to work in His vineyard — that includes you and I whether we are called to preach or not. Despite the false prophets, Micaiah spoke the Lord's message. Ahab had a choice to listen to those who spoke what he wanted to hear of Micaiah who spoke what "thus saith the Lord." If Ahab had walked with the Lord and studied the Law he would have been able to tell who was telling the truth. Today we too must spend time in prayer, study, and fast to grow closer to the Lord, that we may know His will for our lives. Like Ahab, we have a choice.

STATE MISSION

Annual Laymen's League Retreat For Men and Boys

By Michael Kendall
"So we built the wall . . . for the men had a mind to work"

Laurel Hill, N.C. — On Friday morning, August 3rd, men and boys from all over the state converged at The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill for two days of fellowship, recreation, rest, worship and study. Each year, the men and boys look forward to this opportunity to gather in the name of the Lord in an all African American male community. This year's retreat was attended by 150 men and boys ranging from ages five to eighty-four and God had a special blessing for all.

Our theme, "So we built the wall . . . for the men had a mind to work. (Neh 4:6 RSV)" comes from the story of the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem; likewise, throughout the programs and activities during the retreat, the sense of rebuilding and having a mind to work was shared.

To build a feeling of teamwork and unity amongst the men and boys everyone was assigned to a team upon arrival at the retreat. The teams were grouped according to age, given a color, and named according to the gates around Jerusalem as recorded in the book of Nehemiah.

The first team activity was Bible Study. John Staten taught the (orange) fish gate team ages 9 and under. Ten through twelve year olds were either on the (maroon) Valley gate team taught by Romas Hales or (dark blue) Water gate team taught by Ernest Dansby. Ralph Brown and Wilbur Smith, both teaching for the first time at the Laymen's League Retreat, taught the 13 and 14 year olds. Ralph instructed the (light blue) East gate team while Wilbur instructed the (beige) Sheep gate team. The final team of boys, the 15 and over (brown) Horse gate team, was instructed by Rev. Matthew Tollison. Frank Marshall and Roy Harris shared in leading the men's old gate team.

After Bible study, the boys participated in recreational activities which included swimming, basketball, soccer, softball, kickball and the nine and under group engaged in a water fight. Competitions were held in swimming, basketball and kickball.

Dr. Gregory Headen of Shaw Divinity School was our special guest speaker for our Friday evening Camp Meeting program. Dr. Headen spoke from the subject, "Who are we." Using Genesis 1:26,27 as the text he informed us that we as Black men and boys should not define ourselves according to the negative images that others want to label on us, but to define ourselves according to God's definition — men created in the image of God given dominion over the beast of the fields and the fowls of the air. Dr. Headen explained that we are only forfilled when we accept the Lord Jesus, know who we are in Him, and find God's purpose in our lives. After the sermon Dr. Headen answered questions from the men and boys. During the question and answer period a youth, Travis Mayfield, commented that with God's help we could do greater works than our greatest role models.

The Friday evening Camp Meeting was one of two worship services. Saturday morning we held a Sunrise Service with Rev. Matthew Tollison delivering the message.

After a full morning of food, Bible study and recreation we closed the Retreat over Saturday lunch. While assembled for lunch we awarded the winners in the basketball, swimming and kickball competitions. A final award was given to the (beige) Sheep gate team and their counselor Wilbur Smith for best exemplifying team spirit, positive character and a mind to work. The Benediction was given by Rev. Tollison and we departed refreshed, revitalized and ready laymen, to build up the wall with a mind to work.







Shady Hill Honors Deacon Lindsey Phillip Peace

By Reverend Langston D. Logan, Sr., Regional Editor



Lindsey Phillip Peace

Accolades were the order of the evening on Sunday, July 8, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. The Shady Hill Baptist Church, Old Durham Road, paused with friends from throughout Person County and the nation to honor Deacon Lindsey Phillip Peace. Mr. Peace who is fondly known as L.P. Peace, has served faithfully on the Board of Deacons at Shady Hill for sixty years.

Mr. Peace is ninety years old, he has never been married and has no children, but still gives his time to the service of humanity.

In words of appreciation, the Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Lynch of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., stated that Mr. Peace followed the words of the Bible "Go ye into all the world." He stated Mr. Peace had done just that from Los Angeles to New York, Dallas, Texas to Montreal, he's there if Lott Carey or the Baptist Convention is being held.

Family tributes were given by Mr. Claude Russell Trotter Jr., of Raleigh, N.C., and Dr. Regina Perry of Richmond, Va.

They likened their uncle and cousin as an African giant who chronicled the family history for over a hundred years through his oral history. They said his encouragement in times of adversities and good fortune had helped them achieve success in various fields of endeavor.

The city and community was represented by Mayor Pro-Tem, Sam Spencer who lauded Peace for his humility, but firm perseverant manner in human relations.

City Manager, Patricia Hartigan praised Mr. Peace for his depth of wisdom in dealing with local crisis in city government.

The featured speaker, a long time friend and past moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association, and former Pastor of West Durham Baptist Church, was the Rev. Fredrick D. Terry, Chief Chaplain of the Veterans Administration, St. Petersburg, Florida.

His scripture text was taken from Matthew 7:20 and Job 16:19. His subject was, "Let your works speak for you."

In his dynamic discourse he pointed out how Peace like the Patriots of old has toiled, suffered persecution at times but kept the faith. How with messages from the White House to the Court house to our house his works have spoken.

Dinner was served following the services in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Armega P. Blackwell, Presided, Mrs. Wilma C. Bryant, Committee Chairman, Rev. Dr. James H. Richmond Sr., Ph.D. Pastor, Rev. L.D. Logan Sr., Regional Reporter.

Central Children's Home News

By Michael Austin, Executive Director

Alumni Reunion Central Children's Home Of North Carolina

By Michael Austin
Executive Director

Former residents of Central Children's Home of North Carolina, Inc., met on the weekend of August 14th to remember "the good old days" and plan for means to enhance the quality of services to future clients of the Home.

Gathering on Saturday morning, the group registered, viewed old photographs, memorabilia, updated happenings of the past year. Campus visits at cottages followed.

A main feature of the Reunion is the Rap Session with current residents, along with dancing. During this time the "old timers" exchange information about the Home as it was then and the program of the present day. Friendships are established and support and encouragement is given to the children now in residence. Other activities included games, watermelon cutting, one-on-one conversations, cook-out, etc.

During the business session, emphasis was given to ways and means of strengthening the Alumni program, increasing and sustaining membership in the Association, greater support to the Home, financially and otherwise.

Ronald Maloney, Berkley, CA, reported on the progress of a survey of former residents to locate and establish a network for support.

The formal service on Sunday morning honored Mr. McCoy L. Harris of Durham, NC, a former staff-member, who has given strong support to the Alumni Association. The program was conducted by members of the Association with the address given by Archie Abdul Rahmaan, President. The Children's Home Choir gave special music.

Farewells followed lunch with promises for greater efforts for another interesting and inspiring meeting next year.

Officers for the coming year include: Archie Abdul Rahmaan, Durham, NC, President; Walter Chawlk, Hampton, VA, Vice-President; Minnie Rahmaan, Secretary; Leon Robinson, Henderson, NC, Treasurer.

Free Confidential Services Available To Family Farmers

By Mrs. Colene B. Stanley
Associate Editor

The United Farmers Organization, an organization of small farmers in North and South Carolina working to serve family farm agriculture, offers several **free, confidential** services to family farmers. These include:

1. Information on rights of farm borrowers.

2. Answers to questions about Farmers Home Administration procedures, regulations, and primary and preservation loan servicing options.

3. Assistance in preparing Farm and Home Plans.

4. Access to the DALR$ computer program used by FmHA to determine eligibility for primary loan servicing. Your Plan can be run through the computer program **before** you submit it to FmHA to see if it will work; if not, changes can be made that may result in a Plan that qualifies for loan servicing. So far, 93% of the farmers who have used this resource have been successful in developing a Plan acceptable to FmHA.

5. Transcription of FmHA Appeal Hearing tapes.

6. Peer listening and moral support.

7. Legal assistance.

8. Referrals for other technical assistance.

9. Assistance for **any** family farmers working with FmHA, FLB/PCA, or local lenders on new farm plans, appeals, change to alternative agriculture, or other steps to improve their farm cash flow.

The following United Farmers Organization Referral Hotline Operators are ready to assist farmers, 24 hours a day:

Technical Assistance:
Benny Bunting (Oak City) (919) 798-4721 or (919) 798-9951
Carolyn Hart (Bolton) (919) 655-9796
Gail McKinnis (Durham) (919) 544-0885
Julia Woods (Chapel Hill) (919) 942-7398
Jean Wyont (Lawndale) (704) 538-7770 or 1-800-633-4833

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Mary Clouse (Moncure) (919) 542-3339
Edna Harris (Harmony) (704) 546-2376
Jeanette King (Ash) (919) 287-3452

Recent Happenings At Central Children's Home

STAFF ADDITION: Charles Conley, Psychologist, Raleigh, NC Part-time Consultant

Having this service on campus enables us to help children on a regular basis. Already we see results from the frequent sessions.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: The children have been busy with meaningful activities, as well as enjoying the lazy days of summer. Several attended summer school for strengthening for next school year.

Children attended summer camps for enrichment at Camp Mundo Vista, Asheboro; Sandy Meyers Camp, Rocky Mount, Va.; Carolina Broyhill Youth Development Retreat, 4-H Camps for boys and girls, and Camp Laurel Hill.

One young lady attended the Student Enrichment program at North Carolina Central University.

All students on campus attended Bible School at First Baptist Church, in addition to other church attendance.

RECREATION TRIP: With some sponsorships all of the children enjoyed a trip to Kings Dominion.

A beach trip sponsored by Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Beaufort for all children.

ADVANCED TRAINING: Tammy, who graduated from J.B. Webb High School this year, will be taking courses at Vance-Granville Community College in September.

Bobby continues at NCCU and Steward will also continue at St. Augustine's College.

John Cameron completed studies at Harris Barber College, Raleigh. He is employed at DeLuxe Barber Shop and is establishing residence in Oxford.

VISITATIONS: We have enjoyed visits from the following during the past months:

First Baptist Church, Reidsville
Young Adults, Durham County Missionary Union
Piney Grove Baptist Church, Wingate
Blue Stone Baptist Church
New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Charlotte
CountyLine Ministers & Deacons Union

Numerous family groups have visited the campus for reunions. We welcome this activity as a reminder of our role in strengthening families.

THANKS to everyone for your continued prayers as we work hard to improve our program for children. The churches who contribute through the Unified Program, those who make designated gifts, the many gifts sent to Central Children's Home, visits, individual support all serve to help us provide quality care.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk:



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Glaxo Inc. Gives Shaw University $100,000



RALEIGH — Shown receiving $100,000 check from GLAXO, INC., are (L-R) Dr. Ronald L. Swain, VP of Institutional Advancement, Dr. William Edmondson, Shaw alumnus, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University, and Ms. Kathryn Wallace, Contributions Administrator of GLAXO, INC., Raleigh, NC.

RALEIGH, NC — Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, announced recently at a press conference with GLAXO, INC. representatives, Kathryn Wallace and Eric Cole, that the school has received a $100,000 pledge toward the renovation of the Roberts Science Building on the campus. The total cost of renovations to the structure is estimated at $1.25 million.

The renovation is part of the first phase of an overall effort on the part of Shaw to revamp its curriculum and facilities in the sciences in what the university believes is an imperative in order to increase opportunities for minorities in science and technological careers. Educational researchers at the American Academy of Science have documented the discrepancy between the numbers of blacks, Hispanics, native Americans and other minorities engaged in scientific careers in relation to their representation in the general population. Shaw University has established an initiative called STEP (Science and Technology Enhancement Project) in response to the American Academy's findings.

President Shaw emphasized that with an estimated total cost of $15 million the effort is far more than a mere "bricks and mortar" project. It involves fundamental changes in how science has been taught and learned. "Such factors," he said, "as positive attitudes toward science through teachers, advisors and peer influence and classroom activities designed to engage students in the synthesis and analysis of scientific information and principles, are essential to the learning process."

Shaw University has a long history of encouraging students to embark on scientific careers. This includes cooperative programs with such institutions as the Meharry Medical School, engineering degree programs with North Carolina State University and special summer programs such as the Health Careers Opportunities Program for promising high school students coming to Shaw's campus for intensive exposure and guidance to science careers. This program, known as HCOP, has been a success at Shaw for the past three years. It is funded by the National Institute of Health.

In outlining the total STEP program, Dr. Shaw described other phases, some of which are already in progress:

— Strategic Planning for the Division of Science and Technology

— Renovation of the Health and Physical Education Center at Shaw (completed)

— Faculty Research Activities

— Faculty Development Fellowship Program (includes a grant from the BELLSOUTH FOUNDATION)

— Research Training Opportunities for students majoring in the sciences

— Partnerships with Public Schools (Durham City and Wake County)

— Cooperative Program with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

Shaw University recently completed a successful fundraising campaign to increase its endowment by $3 million. All funds for the renovation of Roberts Science Building are expected to be raised by December 1991.

"We at Glaxo are pleased to join Shaw University in supporting these science education initiatives," said Kathryn Wallace. "There is a strong commitment at Glaxo to education, and we firmly believe that Shaw's programs will enhance opportunities in the sciences for its students."

Glaxo Inc., with headquarters in Research Triangle Park, N.C., manufactures and markets prescription medicines, including those for the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders, respiratory ailments, cardiovascular diseases, infectious disease and diseases of the skin. It is a subsidiary of Glaxo Holdings p.l.c., of London.

Living Trust Fund Created At Shaw

By Dr. Ronald L. Swain, VP of Institutional Advancement

An anonymous friend of Shaw University recently donated over $10,000 to create a Living Trust Fund. The purpose of the fund is to encourage students to look beyond themselves and to make a commitment to helping others. This purpose will be achieved by providing scholarships to students majoring in Early Childhood Education or Christian Music. The scholarship recipient must maintain satisfactory academic performance according to University policies.

The anonymous donor describes herself as "just an ordinary person." The donor, a devout Christian woman and a resident of Raleigh, North Carolina, envisions the fund growing with additional contributions coming primarily from individuals and churches. The kind unselfish lady expressed concern about "saving the children" and giving at least a few of them a chance to complete their college education through scholarships from the Living Trust Fund. Her purpose is to award scholarships to sincere students who will either work with children in their early development or who will prepare themselves to provide music for churches.

Scholarships will be awarded from the income generated by the initial donation along with other gifts to the Living Trust Fund. Individuals, churches or other organizations may send contributions to the Shaw University Living Trust Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement and Planning, 118 E. South Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

Women Earn Degrees At Correctional Institution

By Dr. Patrick Elliott, Shaw University

Associate degrees with honors were earned by seven students at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh recently. Doris J. Braswell, Carolyn S. Conyers (Magna Cum Laude), Rochelle Daniel (Summa Cum Laude), Eckie J. Evans (Cum Laude), Donna Porietis and Bonnie L. Thomas (Summa Cum Laude) received their degrees at the annual commencement ceremony of Shaw University's Center for Alternative Programs in Education (CAPE) held on the campus of the institution. Rochelle Daniel also was named to the national dean's list for her 4.0 academic average as a student. A total of twenty students received recognition for their academic achievement during the ceremony.

Like other college students, 60 credit hours of course work must be successfully completed before receiving the associate degree. Many of the students will pursue their bachelor's degrees which requires 120 hours of course credit.

Dr. Josephine D. Clement, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University and a prominent Durham, North Carolina citizen, addressed the graduates at the event on the general theme of "The Triumph of the Spirit Over the Body." "The spirit of life must be in control of their destinies. Four walls do not a prison make," she said. "Your spirits have soared high and will soar higher in the future." Dr. Clement described their role as women in our society "to help restore the family as an institution, to stress the importance of educational achievement, to remain loyal to their roles as parent, mother and teacher, and to champion the cause of women as the bearers of the culture from generation to generation."

SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWS

Dr. Headen Resigns As Provost/Dean

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor

Shaw Divinity School's loss is Jackson Chapel's gain. Dr. Gregory T. Headen, Provost/Dean of Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, has resigned his post to assume the full-time pastorate of Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. Dr. Headen will leave his post on August 31 and will assume his new position on September 1.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw accepted Dr. Headen's resignation with regrets and understanding. Dr. Headen leaves the school with a great deal of gratitude to the trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students. He says he is a pastor at heart and will continue to support the school from a different vantage point.



Dr. G.T. Headen

Class Schedule For The Shaw Divinity School

Raleigh, North Carolina
Fall Semester, 1990
Master of Divinity Program

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	TIME	CREDIT HRS.	DAYS	ROOM #
B 603	Survey of the New Testament	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	Soc. Hall
PM 708	Baptist Hist. Polity & Doc.	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	36
T 643	Systematic Theology	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	38
PM 584	Music in Christian Worship	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	Chapel
PM 560	Homiletics/Preaching I	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	32/Chapel
S 700	Thesis Seminar I	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	38
PM 701	Church Administration	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	34
PC 502	Urban Studies	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	37
B 501	Old Testament I	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	38
PP 503	Pastoral Counseling	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	37
PX 503	Christian Education	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	34
		WEEK DAY CLASSES			
T 643	Systematic Theology I	1:30-2:45 P.M.	3	T & Th	38
B 600	Hebrew I	3:00-4:15 P.M.	3	T & Th	34
H 521	Church History I	7:00-10:00 P.M.	3	Tues.	Conf. Rm.
S 701	Thesis Seminar II (Thesis Writing)	------	3	------	---
PM 502	Supervised Ministry in an Institutional Context (Cherry Hosp., Wake Opportunities)	TBA	3	TBA	---
S 750	Seminar in Gerontology	7:00-10:00 P.M.	3	Thursdays	38
PP 509	Clinical Pastoral Education		8	(Schedule determined by CPE center)	

Other Supervised Ministry options are available through negotiation with Dr. Paige for both programs.

Diploma in Theology Program

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	TIME	CREDIT HRS.	DAYS	ROOM #
B 101	Survey of the Old Testament	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	32
T 121	Church History	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	37
B 103	Pastoral Counseling	7:30-10:10 A.M.	3	Sat.	35
B 201	Survey of the New Testament	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	Soc. Hall
PR 201	Sociology of the Afro-American Experience	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	36
T 248	Christian Ethics	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	33
B 214	The Book of Acts	10:20-1:00 P.M.	3	Sat.	35
PM 101	Writing and Research Seminar	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	33
PM 160	Homiletics/Preaching	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	32/Chapel
PX 101	Christian Education I	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	35
T 243	Systematic Theology	2:30-5:10 P.M.	3	Sat.	36
PM 102	Supervised Ministry in an Institutional Context (Cherry Hosp., Wake Opportunities)	TBA	3	TBA	
S 350	Seminar in Gerontology 7:00-10:00 P.M.		3	Tues.	38
PP 509	Clinical Pastoral Education		8	(Schedule determined by CPE center)	

Divinity School Begins New Academic Year

By Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Associate Provost/Dean

Shaw Divinity School is geared up to begin a new academic year beginning September 1. The school continues to live out its mission of preparing persons for the effective practice of Christian ministry. Dean Headen stated that he is expecting an enrollment of approximately 110 students this fall consisting of clergy and laity.

Shaw Divinity School is an associate member of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), the accrediting body for graduate theological education in the U.S. and Canada. It continues to work for full accreditation. Two full-time faculty are needed in the areas of Old Testament and Church History. The library holdings must be increased and a librarian brought on board.

Students can expect to have a good selection of courses to choose from in the fall which will be taught by competent professors and instructors from the various disciplines of theology. Classes wil be offered in the Master of Divinity an Diploma in Theology programs at 7:3 a.m., 10:20 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Student in the graduate program may also tak classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays a 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Students may also enroll in Clinica Pastoral Education at the Pastoral Car and Counseling Institute in Durham, NC or at other approved CPE centers and re ceive 8 hours credit at Shaw Divinit School upon completion of a basic unit.

Supervised ministry options are avail able at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro; Wak Opportunities and Women's Correctiona Center, Raleigh; and arrangements can b made with other institutions for super vised ministry.

Please refer to the class schedule fo Shaw Divinity School for specifi courses of study.

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SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWS

Summary of the Course: Christian Hymnody

By Georgia C. Frye

Because he was a music teacher at the local elementary school, Mr. Edwards was always being asked to listen to see if little Mary or Judy, or Barbara had any real talent.

One afternoon he was subjected to an excruciating rendition of "Clair de Lune." As ever, he smiled and nodded.

The doting mother leaned over and said, "I'm so glad you like good music."

"Indeed I do, Madam," he replied, "but your child can keep on playing anyhow."

This is what our teachers have done for us this summer. We were unprofessional, unskilled, and without talent — but they have us sing on anyway, and as a result they have inspired us to the heights. For Ms. Willie Jordan and Mr. Harry Taylor we are very grateful.

As I think back over this summer's work, I think of what were the objectives and purpose of this course? We know that the objectives were: (1) to understand the development of Christian song and the words and music involved; (2) to love and appreciate the body of material available to us today and understand how this can be used most effectively in Christian experience. We can truly say that we have a deeper knowledge of the Christian hymns and can make use of them more effectively in our community and church. We also became aware of available material that we were not aware of before. The objectives were truly met.

I think that most of us will agree that Christian Hymnody is the study of Christian Songs. As we entered this course, we knew that we liked to sing, and some of us play the piano, for enjoyment or for our church choir, but we just didn't know the seriousness of the words and music of a hymn. It really never occurred to us that one could study hymns as you study English, History, Mathematics, Physics, or other disciplines. All of this has opened new doors for us, that will not close because this course has ended, but will continue to be a life time adventure for us. We see the possibility of using this material in our churches, in the choirs, in Bible study, and in sermons we preach. It has been a wonderful experience.

The basic approach used by Ms. Jordan was a historical approach, beginning with the Christian era and tracing the developments in appropriate time frames and geographical areas. We discovered that Christian songs are ever-changing; this was observed by studying the history of the songs.

We learned that Christian songs were both words and music, therefore both the literary and the musical parts of the songs were emphasized. We found out that hymns are poems. We became aware of the lyric beauty of poetic language, found on the pages of a hymn. It was interesting to discover that poetry is the only art that appeals to us through both the eye and the ear, with the exception of drama. All the other arts appeal to the individual through the consistency of poetic feet, use of rhyme, structure of stanzas, and the use of imagery and descriptive language. We also identified the poetic devices used in hymn writing. What I didn't learn was how to pronounce all those poetic devices without twisting my tongue into a knot. It was discovered that poetic expression was not an end in itself, but an extraordinary way of expressing the ordinary, such as "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "A Mighty Fortress is our God," and so many others.

We also learned that hymns are theological, and scriptural in content, because a hymn tells us what we believe about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible and about aspects of the Christian life.

We gave attention to not only the literary and musical aspects of the songs but those individuals that played a significant role in Christian Songs. Some taught music, some were music leaders, some wrote the tunes, some wrote the words, some compiled and published collections from which people can sing. We identified these people such as Martin Luther, Johann Sebastian Bach, John Calvin, Isaac Watts, John and Charles Wesley, to name a few.

One of the enjoyable experiences we had this summer was the day our class took a trip to the Delta Arts Center, Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C. which is located on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. It was a workshop on the life of Undine Smith Moore, a famous female black composer, having composed and re-arranged over 360 different pieces of music. The range of her music was wide and varied, having composed classical, semi-classical and Spirituals. We were able to hear some of her compositions and meet musicians that knew her personally, in addition to meeting her daughter. Ms. Jordan was particularly interested in this workshop because she at one time was a student of Undine Smith Moore.

One of the presenters, Dr. Jewel Thompson is the organist at Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, where my aunt is a member. I had seen her before, but I got a chance to meet her. So it was a glorious worthwhile trip.

What we learned was put into action by our other member of the teaching team, Mr. Harry Taylor, who enhanced what we had learned, by teaching us the rhythm, the beat, how to read notes, and how to conduct a choir or a congregation, into singing a song.

As Plato said many years ago, "Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul."

Ms. Jordan and Mr. Taylor have inspired the inward parts of our souls, because they have given us the skills that have pricked our curiosity to continue down the road of learning more and more about Christian Hymnody, which is a life time adventure.

How well we absorbed these skills will prove themselves in years to come, by our utilization of them.

Again we are grateful to both of you, Ms. Jordan and Mr. Taylor, for your tolerance, for your patience, for your inspiration that you have given each of us, and most of all for just being "real." We love you!

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Seated left to right: Corbin L. Cooper, Willie Jordan, Georgia Frye and David Foy. Standing: left to right, Harry Taylor, Addie Clark, Earland Shepard, Tamala Hinton, Elvaultia Mial, Elaine Hobbs, Rufus Keith. Photo by Chris Hinton

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Vote W.B. Lewis President, GBSC



Theme: "A Continuation of Unity, Strength & Progress"

W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina and Vice President at-large, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated announced that he is a candidate seeking the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated October 31, 1990. After much prayer, and after talking with many people, I offer myself as a candidate for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated.

My campaign will be carried out in a positive manner, and will be Christian oriented, in every respect. I want to recognize all of us as God's Children.

The General Baptist State Convention needs the leadership of a man who is committed to meeting the needs of the Convention as a whole, and dedicated to serving the needs of people. These are the trademarks of W.B. Lewis.

The General Baptist Convention needs the leadership of a man who is not only sure of his convictions, but also who has a burning zeal for ministering to others. The Convention needs the leadership of a man who knows where he is going, one who has the gift of working with, and recognizing people. The General Baptist Convention needs a man with the necessary experience and experience to boldly take the helm and guide the Convention forward in God's service. W.B. Lewis is that man. "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying 'Whom shall I send? and Who will go for us?' and I said 'Here I am, send me,' I am ready to be president of our General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated.

I call upon the people of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated to give me your prayers, your support and your vote to help continue unity, strength, stability and progress of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. Thank you.

VOTE W.B. LEWIS PRESIDENT

Elect Charles R. Tyner Sr. 2nd Vice President GBSC



I have been working as an Officer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. for the past two years. I served as 4th Vice President for two years, and for the last two years I served in the capacity of 3rd Vice President of the Convention. I am committed to carry out the mandates of the Convention, and the aspirations of the President. I am also committed to ALL the objectives and the Constitution of the GBSC; to all auxiliaries of the GBSC; and I am totally committed to assist the President with these objectives and any others that will bring about a more unified and stable Convention.

My new goals challenge the Convention to venture out and be a part of the following:

a) Evangelism
b) Better System with a Broader Program in State Missions
c) Commitment to a New Baptist Headquarters Building
d) Re-evaluate the General Baptist Foundation
e) Accountability (we **must** be accountable)

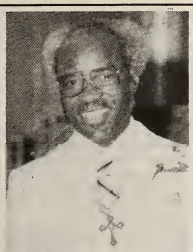
Additional information:

— Married and the father of two sons
— Attended public schools in Northampton County
— A.B. Degree received — Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
— M.A. Degree received — N.C. Central University, Durham, NC
— Experience in Education: Principal from 1980 to present
— Pastor, White Oak Baptist Church, Apex, NC, 1972 to present

I am soliciting the support of all Baptists in the State of North Carolina. If given the opportunity to serve, I know I can make a difference in what our Convention can do to assure that this Convention will continue to be strong and provide a firm foundation upon which our offsprings will feel compelled to uphold.

Vote — Charles R. Tyner, 2nd Vice President
General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.
"Justified By Faith And By Works"
Thank You.

Dr. G.A. Jones Sr. For 3rd Vice President, GBSC



I, the Rev. Dr. G.A. Jones Sr., recording secretary of the GBSC of NC, Inc., state my desire to hold the office of third vice-president. I have served as recording secretary of the Convention for the past eight years.

Your electing me to serve as recording secretary for two terms has been challenging and rewarding. It has afforded me the opportunity to work closely with the presidents and to share in the vision of our Convention. Without a doubt, I am ready and equipped to accept an even greater challenge — the position of third vice-president.

To the servants that had worked dutifully, the Lord said, "Because of your faithfulness as servants, Be thou ruler." Those that had served well found grace in the Lord's sight. I, like the servants in scripture, have executed the responsibilities placed upon me in a faithful manner.

I pledge my loyalty to whomsoever the Lord of the harvest sees fit to place as leader of this tremendous work. I shall cooperate and do my best to uphold the objectives of the Convention.

My interest to serve is primarily based upon Psalm 11:3 — "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Now, let us consider the foundation. Genesis 2:24 says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, an shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." God Himself created the foundation, which is the family, out of which He formed twelve tribes; out which He formed the assembly; out of which He formed the synagogue, the temple, the congregation and the church.

Therefore, I stress that the Christian world, including the GBS Convention, preach more on the "salvation of the family." If the old familiar saying, "The family that prays together stays together," be true, then we must preach this Gospel of family salvation. We must preach it with power and conviction. While two out of every five marriages end in divorce, we must accentuate family worship, the Word of God, and prayer. When the increasing number of unwed mothers, teenage prostitution, drug addition, street crimes and a host of other ungodly, abominable and detestable acts which plague our society, the topic of family salvation must be emphasized unrelentingly. Wholly do I pledge to stand with the Convention's leaders on "Salvation of the Family."

To the man that dwelt in the midst of the tombs, after he was delivered, Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends and shew how great things to the Lord hath done for thee and hath had compassion on thee." To the woman at the well, Jesus said, "Call thy husband." To Jacob, the Lord said, "Return home whence thou fled from the face of thy brother and I will deal with thee."

The whole plan of salvation is built upon and centers around the family: God — Father, Jesus Christ — Son, righteous men — brothers, women — sisters, children ,— sons and daughters. To my brothers and sisters of the Convention, I take the unswerving stand that we save the family.

While you have worked well with me during the past two terms, my desire is to continue to please the Master. Therefore, I ask you to vote for me on October 29, 1990.

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Ronald L. Swain University Minister and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Shaw University



AS YOUR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT HE INTENDS TO:

— Promote Christian Education for all age-levels
— Re-activate the Committee on Higher Christian Education
— Strengthen Ministry to college students through Baptist Student Union (BSU) Chapters on every campus
— Seek scholarships for students with Christian Education and Ministerial vocations
— Encourage the use of Baptist facilities, such as Shaw University and the J.J. Johnson Assembly, by GBSC Associations and Auxiliaries
— Encourage all Baptists wherever and whenever possible to pursue higher education
— Support the Unified Plan of Giving to All GBSC Objectives

A VOTE FOR RONALD L. SWAIN IS A VOTE FOR SERVICE
THANK YOU

Election Announcements

Rev. John Mendez Runs For Vice President at Large of GBSC

WINSTON-SALEM — Rev. John Mendez is a native of New York City, where he received his primary education. He is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He received his Master's of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Rev. Mendez is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is married to the former Ms. Sarah Howard, and they have two children, Sekou 11, and Jamilla 8.

Rev. Mendez actively serves on many Boards of Directors, including: The Home Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, The General Board and Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Board of Directors of the General Foundation; Christian Education Board of the Rowan Baptist Association; YMCA Board of Managers; and the Arts Council Board of Managers. He is also a member of the Black Theology Project and Racial Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches. Rev. Mendez serves as Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies at Shaw Divinity School. He serves as a member of Christian Leadership Conference Peace Committee to bring peace to Vietnam.

Rev. Mendez published a recent article in the 1990 Progressive National Baptist Convention Home Mission Board Newsletter on "Evangelism and the Whole Person."

Rev. Mendez furthermore has a high Social Consciousness that has involved him in many civic and national affairs. In 1973 he toured and conducted a workshop on Drug Abuse in Greenville, Alabama. In 1984 he went on a fact finding tour in Central America which included such countries as: Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. Following the completion of this commission, he testified before a Tribunal on U.S. War Crimes in Central America where the evidence was presented to the United Nations in New York City. He is also a member of the Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America whose aim is to advocate peace in that region through negotiations and not war. In 1985 Rev. Mendez was invited by the All African Conference of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya. He was the first General Baptist Pastor to address that body. He is presently acting as American coordinator for the All African Conference of Churches to build a link between Black Churches in America and in Africa. In 1984, Rev. Mendez was arrested for protesting against apartheid in South Africa in front of the South African Embassy.

Again in 1988-1989 Rev. Mendez served on a special Progressive Baptist Convention Apartheid Fact Finding Mission to South Africa. And in 1990 met with Nelson Mandela in New York City.

Rev. Mendez has lectured broadly to various political, religious and civic groups; The Black Family Task Force in Winston-Salem; The Paul Robeson Festival sponsored by the North Carolina



Rev. John Mendez

Humanities Committee; Black History Month Celebration at Delaware State College; The Religious Emphasis Week at Shaw University in Raleigh; A Conference on Mission and Ministry at Southeastern Baptist Theological dealing with "Social-Christian Dialogue." He addressed the State Convention of the NAACP, Wake Forest University, where he lectured on a comparison of Dr. Martin L. King and the James Cone Theology. He was also one of the guest speakers at the Memorial Services for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, and recently the guest preacher for the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at the Jewish Synagogue in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Mendez has received many awards and honors including: Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, 1971; Certificate of Recognition by Shaw University for significant contributions to the educational and social welfare of the student community; Awarded a plaque for serving as President of Black Theological Forum, 1981; Awarded plaque for Outstanding Leadership 1982 by Black Theological Forum of Southeastern Baptist Seminar; and Awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Award by the Afro American Society of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., Jan. 11, 1981. Awarded certificates of Appreciation from The North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers, Black Political Awareness League; Alpha Award of Merit by Omicron Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Fraternity Inc., Humanitarian Award by Wendell — Wake Co., NAACP. Also from The Shaw Divinity School, The President's Award of Distinction 1983; General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., 1985, President's Achievement Award Wake Baptist Association 1980-1983 in Appreciation for Leadership and Devotion.

Rev. Mendez has traveled extensively in various parts of the world such as: Berne, Switzerland; London, England; Paris, France; Rome, Italy; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Zanzania, Madagascar, Somalia, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, in Central America; Toronto, Canada and Puerto Rico.

In announcing his candidacy for Vice President At Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Rev. Mendez stated: "I feel that my experience, pastoral background, and commitment to the causes of Mission have helped prepare me to serve our great Convention. I pledge to the utmost of my ability to carry out the will of God and the precepts of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

And finally I solicit the support of each Moderator, Pastor, Minister, Layperson, Missionary, and Friend of the Convention for my candidacy. I need your help. Call me at The Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107, 919/788-7023. May God ever bless you all."

Gray Announces For 4th Vice-President

Pelham — The Reverend Haywood T. Gray, Pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Pelham, hereby announces his candidacy for the Fourth Vice Presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Gray points to the constitutional mandate of the office (i.e., to "serve the Convention at the request of the President, and shall chair the Committee for the "Central Children's Home") and suggests that he is prepared to carry out the requirements of office.

Gray sees leadership in the Convention as an opportunity to serve the cause of Jesus Christ. "North Carolina General Baptists are a proud people with a strong desire to do great things for God," says Gray. "I am willing to do my part to promote the proud and strong Baptist work in this State."

Gray makes several points about his preparedness to serve as Fourth Vice-President. He targets an undergraduate degree in Social Work, his recognized involvement in public education, a strong and thriving youth ministry in his own Church, his personal statewide visibility, and his sincere interest in the positive development of youth as factors which will add to his constitutional duty to chair the Convention's Children's Home Committee, if elected to the Vice-Presidency. "The Central Children's Home has become central to General Baptists primarily in name," says Gray. "In recent years, our overall involvement and recognition of its very important ministry has taken a back seat to the needs and development of other objectives. The Children's Home should share the limelight with our other objectives."

If elected, Gray pledges to work with and at the President's direction for the overall program of the Convention. He would seek to promote the Children's Home among North Carolina Baptists. He would offer himself to the Convention's auxiliaries, Youth Departments so that maximum benefit could be derived from the Baptist Youth effort in North Carolina.

Most specifically, he would call for greater support of the Children's Home by General Baptists (both financially and in kind); seek to develop a "Professional Talent Bank" composed of Baptist professionals who would volunteer their time and talent to the children at the Children's Home under the Director's supervision; promote bilateral visitation (Children's Home residents at Conventions as well as General Baptist visits to the Children's Home); and work with the Children's Home administration and professionals for the good of the resident children.

Haywood T. Gray was born in Southampton County, Virginia. He has been involved in the Christian preaching ministry for half of his life. He has served as Pastor of the 425-member Shady Grove Baptist Church since 1980.

He completed a four-year degree in Social Work and English from Averett College in Danville in three years. He has taken courses in the community college system of Virginia and North Carolina. He enrolled in the continuing education department of UNC-Chapel Hill and has studied in the graduate school at Hampton University.

In 1986, the Governor of North Carolina appointed him to the Prison Resource Committee of the N.C. Department of Corrections. In 1982, the Governor of Virginia appointed him to the Human Rights Commission of the Virginia Department of Mental Health. He sits on several local Boards in Caswell County including a credit union, a scholarship organization, and a civil rights organization.

His Baptist involvement is well-known and extensive. He is Vice-Moderator of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. He sits on the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. He is a Director of the General Baptist Foundation. He served a three-year term as a Trustee of Shaw Divinity School.

As Pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, he preaches two Sunday morning worship services weekly, supervises a Church staff of eight persons, and gives direction to the work of seven departments and twenty-four church auxiliaries.

Haywood T. Gray asks for the vote and the confidence of General Baptists at the upcoming Annual Session in October, 1990, at Raleigh.

Plan Now To Attend The Annual Session of the GBSC, October 29-November 1, 1990

Election Announcements

Harris Accepts Draft – Announces Candidacy for President of General Baptist Convention

Statesville, NC — The Reverend Dr. J.C. Harris, Pastor, First Baptist Church Statesville, North Carolina announces his candidacy for President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Dr. Harris indicated that many of his friends from around the state have called, visited, and written him and encouraged him to seek the Presidency. Harris said in a prepared statement: "The General Baptists of North Carolina need a choice of leadership. . .It is time that we take a more aggressive posture toward 'Kingdom Building.' "

Dr. Harris pledges to involve more Moderators, Pastors, and Laypersons in the leadership of the General Baptist State Convention. Harris said, "It is time we take a serious look at the composition of our Executive Committee and General Board, many persons who are interested in the work of the Convention never have an opportunity to serve on key committees, boards, or commissions. . .I also plan to give pastors who have served the GBSC over the years and have never had a chance to preach in the convention that opportunity.

I have been privileged to serve across the years and across this state. My role as minster of the First Baptist Church of Statesville serves but to further enforce my commitment to the cause of Christ in the earth. I echo — in my ministry and in my public service — the mandate of Christ Himself to voluntarily take up the Cross, daily, and follow Him.

Not only must the GBSC president show unfaltering commitment to our Lord and to His Church, but he must be prepared for the task and the challenge of leadership. I am honored and pleased to have worked under the leadership of four former Convention presidents. Under the J.W. White administration, I served and learned much as convention statistician.



Dr. J.C. Harris

Under the C.R. Edwards administration, I served as fourth vice president and as the first chairman of the Convention's Personnel Committee. I was first vice president and budget coordinator (as well as continuing as personnel chairman) under the J.J. Johnson administration. Finally, under the present E.B. Turner administration, my service to the Convention has been widened to include, among many other avenues of service, being vice president at large and chairman of the General Board. Each General Baptist president with whom I have worked served admirably and, from each, I gained a wealth of experience. I am, however, my own man. I am convinced that I have "come of age" and I am prepared for the presidency at this hour and junction in our work. I feel even a divine urging, not unlike that of Esther's, that my work and service in and to our Convention has prepared me for "such a time as this."

I need your prayers, support, and votes at our Annual Session October 29-November 1, 1990 at Raleigh, N.C.

Vote for a change — J.C. Harris for President.

Alfonza W. Fullwood Announces Candidacy for Fourth Vice President

Raleigh, N.C. — I wish to officially announce my candidacy for Fourth Vice President to the constituency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated.

My presence has been a mainstay in our Convention for many years. During which time, I have come to fully and completely recognize the mighty penetrating presence of God in our history. The mission and the message of our Convention are of God who consistently comes to us, enabling us to make real the presence of His Kingdom through the vehicle of our Convention.

I was born in Southport, North Carolina, to the late Reverend Willie and Bertha Fullwood. There were fifteen siblings born to this union, four of which are ministers.

I received my early childhood, intermediate and high school education in the public schools of Brunswick County. I am a graduate of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, earning the Bachelor of Arts Degree and the Master of Divinity Degree.

My pastoral experiences are as follows: First Baptist Church, Southport; Island Creek Baptist Church, Rocky Point; St. John Baptist Church, Bolivia; and I am currently serving the Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell.

I serve as Director of Church Relations and Alumni Affairs, Shaw Divinity School. I am at present a member of the faculty, teaching Homiletics (Preaching) and Baptist History, Polity, and Doctrine.

I also serve as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Correction for the State of North Carolina. This position affords me high visibility within the second largest agency of state government, creating enormous and abundant opportunity to get a first hand perspective and portrait of the disproportionate number of young



Reverend A.W. Fullwood

black males that are in prison. This, is a problem, which has far reaching implications on the black family, black community, black church and ultimately, our Convention. I firmly believe the reversal of what appears to be an eventual demise of our community, largely, depend on our local churches, our Convention and our institution of higher learning.

I am married to the former Marlene Delois Parker of Southport. God has blessed us with three lovely children: Kendra Lamais (daughter, age 16); Ebony Tashawn (daughter, age 14); and Cedric Devaugh (son, age 13). We currently reside in Raleigh, NC.

I ask for your prayers and your support as I seek to accept the challenge of leadership within the ranks of our great Convention. I pledge my full support and solvent devotion to the mission of our Convention.

Gregory K. Moss Announces Candidacy For GBSC Historian

Reidsville, NC — I want to officially announce my candidacy for Historian of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

I am pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord, N.C. I have served the GBSC in several official positions and I worked for many years during the summer months at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

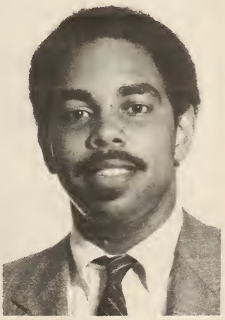
The GBSC has a rich history and heritage. Our convention was founded in 1867 by a group of former slave preachers, and free ante-bellum African-American preachers at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C.

Our Convention is the leading African-American state Missionary Baptist Convention in the Country. We have been leaders in national and international ministries for years.

It is important that as we begin the last decade of this century, that we reclaim and rewrite our history. Many noble souls have labored to bring us to where we are today.

As Historian of the GBSC I propose to establish a "Historical Commission" to rewrite our history. If elected I will ask each GBSC church, Association, Union, and Auxiliary to write or update their history; also, I plan to establish GBSC archives at Baptist Headquarters.

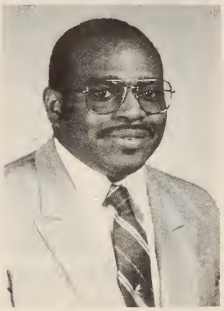
Please give me your support and vote GREGORY K. MOSS, HISTORIAN during our Annual Session, October 29-November 1, 1990, Raleigh, NC. If you have any suggestions for me I can be reached at 919/349-3380. May God bless you all.



Rev. Gregory Keith Moss

Election Announcements

Jimmy L. Gilchrist, Candidate for the Fourth Vice President



Rev. Jimmy L. Gilchrist

I, Jimmy L. Gilchrist, hereby declare my candidacy for the Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I personally thank everyone who supported me as your historian for the last four years. You put your trust in me as your historian. Now, I am asking you for the same trust as I venture out as a candidate for the Fourth Vice President.

Our convention has been a pilot for many conventions across the nation because of its strong, capable and dedicated leaders. I feel my professionalism and cooperativeness give me the leadership ability to help the convention to continue its effectiveness in services to people. Especially, the support that the convention has given to the Unified Plan.

My leadership ability has given me the opportunity to participate in the community with agencies and departments in Robeson County. My involvements in the community have been as follows: Vice President of PTA for South Robeson High School, Advisory Counselor for South Robeson High School, Serving on the Senate Bill Number Two Committee, member and president of several religious bodies, member of several civil organizations. When the Community Work Service Program was initiated in Robeson County, I was appointed by the late Judge John S. Gardner to serve as a committee member. In 1986, I was elected as the historian for the General Baptist State Convention.

I was born in Fairmont, North Carolina. I received my elementary and high school education from the former Rosenwald High school in Fairmont, North Carolina. In 1964, a few weeks after I had enrolled as a student at Shaw University, I was called into the Gospel Ministry. In January 1965, I was licensed to preach by my membership church, First Baptist Church in Fairmont and was ordained in the same year.

In 1968, I received my B.A. Degree in Philosophy and Religion from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1981, I earned my Master of Divinity Degree from Shaw Divinity School. My educational backgrounds, twenty years experience as a court counselor, and having served as a fifth grade teacher for two years, give me the qualifications to be an effective Fourth Vice President. Throughout my years of experience, I have attended workshops, training sessions, state and national conventions.

Past pastorships are as follows: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in St. Pauls, North Carolina and Antioch Baptist Church in Proctorville, North Carolina. At present, I am the pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Aberdeen, North Carolina, Vice Moderator, Chairman of the Ordination Advisory Council, and President of the Ministerial Fellowship Conference of the Pee Dee Association.

As Fourth Vice President, I will continue to work effectively with officers and members of the convention to be a greater service to mankind.

Dr. Windley Announces For 1st Vice President

. . . Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Ester 4:14)

Whereas State Mission could be considered the heart of the operation(s) of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (GBSC).

And whereas I Joseph Z. Windley, a native of Conway, (Horry County), South Carolina, have been an active born again member of First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C. — a member of this Convention — for twenty-seven years.

And whereas during these twenty-seven years I have served in various capacities, including: Sunday School Teacher, Director of Youth Activities, Superintendent of Sunday School, Deacon, Chairman of Deacon Board, and from 1979 to present, Pastor.

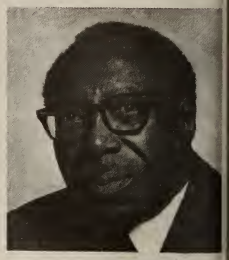
And whereas I have served nine years as a member of the General Board and six years on the Executive Board of the GBSC.

And whereas in its Annual Session in 1986 in Asheville, N.C., I was elected Third Vice President and chaired the Committee for the Department of Higher Education.

And whereas I am presently serving as Second Vice President and Chair of the Committee for the Department of Foreign Mission.

And whereas my educational experience: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Morris College, Sumter, S.C.; Masters in Psychology Counseling and Guidance, University of Northern Colorado; Master of Divinity, Magna Cum Lauda, and Doctor of Divinity, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. Further studies at UNC-Wilmington, N.C.; University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland; Metro State University, Denver, Colorado; University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

And whereas I have served as a public school teacher, coach, elementary school



Dr. J.Z. Windley

principal, teacher in the Department o Education, the University of Maryland Baltimore. I have worked as an adminis trator, farmer, general store manager, ga station and taxi service owner, USAI Chief Master Sergeant, Retired, 29 years These opportunities and experiences hav helped prepare me for the office I am nov seeking.

Therefore, be it resolved that I am of fering myself as a candidate for the offic of First Vice President of the Genera Baptist State Convention of Nort Carolina, Inc. where by Constitutiona mandate I will chair the Committee fo the Department of Home Mission unde the leadership of the Great Head of th Church.

In addition to spreading the importanc of the Department of Home Mission t the (GBSC) Family, I will endeavor t support all other objectives and program that this Convention and its Presider deem necessary.

I solicit your prayers, and your vote: For who knoweth whether I have come t this Convention for such a time as this.

THANK YOU!

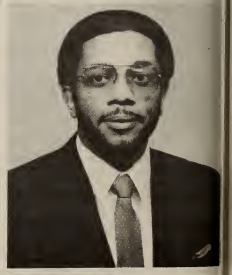
Announcement Of Candidacy For Recording Secretary

I, John H. Grant, officially announce my candidacy for **Recording Secretary** of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. I have served as pastor of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina. Presently I serve as pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

I have served in the following capacities of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association: Recording Secretary, Vice Moderator and Budget Director, Executive Board and Board of Trustees.

I am presently a member of the Executive Board of the Mud Creek Association. I also serve as Assistant Recording Secretary and as a member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention.

Thank you for your vote and for the opportunity to serve through our great convention.



Dr. John H. Grant

Election Announcements

O.T. Tomes Announces Candidacy For Fourth Vice-President

Birth of a vision; death of a vision; out of the ashes God raises up His plan. This pattern is repeated so many times in Scripture that it can almost be considered a law in the way God mobilizes His people to action toward the culmination of history.

The visionary himself — Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, etc. — experiences the entire process in his own life. God calls a man/woman to fulfill an incredible mission, then allows all the things he attempts in his own strength to fail. His own hopes are shattered. In failure and resignation, the visionary is then USED to fulfill GOD'S PLAN, His vision, in a way that the man of God never imagined in the beginning. Like Jacob, all true visionaries walk with a limp, stripped of pride in themselves.

David declared the will of God against Goliath amid the jeers of both Saul's and the Philistine.

Esther finally had to confront the king, knowing that she could die with her people. Esther was forced to follow God's will at the risk of her own best interests. Few Christians have come to the realization of "loving not their lives unto death" for the sake of the gospel, but God will call for such confrontation among those whom He has sovereignly placed in key rules in leadership for such a time as this.



Dr. O.T. Tomes

Visionary thinking, solid purpose, or long-range dream should be first in the basic concern of those who lead. It is in the context of this resolve that I (O.T. Tomes) announce my candidacy for the Fourth Vice-President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. As Fourth Vice-President, I pledge my best to fulfill to the glory of God the duties and responsibilities of this office. Thank you for your prayers, support and vote.

Daries L. Morris, Candidate For Third Vice President

Some reasons why I am seeking the office of the Third Vice President of the General Baptist Convention:

1. I have experienced more than two decades of leadership and service to the General Baptist State Convention and other professional organizations.

2. My work with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company as sales manager qualifies me to seek the office of the Third Vice President of General Baptist State Convention.

3. My experience in religious organizations and my vocation has given me the background, competence and vision needed for state office.

4. I am certain that the good Baptists of North Carolina will benefit greatly from my ability and willingness to serve.

5. My experience in planning, goal-setting and the execution of those plans to fruition has always been a God given strength that I possess.

6. I shall continue to exercise my motto that, "With God all things are possible," if I am elected as your Third Vice President.

7. I pledge to work diligently to uphold the principles, plans and goals of General Baptist State Convention.

I am a native of Bertie County. My early education began in the county. I graduated from C.G. White High School, Powellsville, N.C., and later attended the Virginia State College in Petersburg, Va. I am also a LUTC Graduate (Life Underwriters Training Counselor).

I was employed by North Carolina



Rev. Daries L. Morris

Mutual Life Insurance Company as a combination-agent in May 10, 1954, in the Raleigh District. On February 1, 1968, I was appointed Staff-Manager on the Raleigh District. I was transferred to the Greenville District April 1974.

In addition to my professional career, I am an Ordained Minister and presently serving the Pastorate of Cumbo Chapel Baptist Church, Rich Square, N.C. I am the Past Moderator of the Northampton Association and I am an active member of the Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church, Ahoskie, N.C.

I am married to the former Estella Jenkins and we have three sons: Daries L. Morris Jr., Robert Earl and William T., two daughters-in-law, Lillian and Prenora, and four grandchildren; Keevin, Kenya, Kedria and Kay Morris.

R.L. Davis Announces Candidacy For Historian

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc., is at the doorway of the Twenty-First Century with its eyes gazing toward the future as it has always done since the time of its birth in 1867. It is, nevertheless, essential to maintain a strong knowledge of who we are, where we have come from, as well as where we are headed.

We are indeed facing an ever challenging period for both the old and the young in our churches with regards to church tradition, doctrine, customs, beliefs, and the history of our religious institutions.

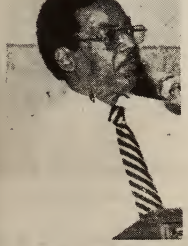
I, R.L. Davis, have a strong desire to serve as Convention Historian.

I, therefore, announce my candidacy for the position of Historian of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Presently, I am pastor of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Raeford, North Carolina.

I was born in Franklin County where I received my elementary and secondary education. I hold both a Bachelor and Master's degrees. I received my Bachelor's from Shaw University and my Master's from Appalachian State University.

I am married and have three children. Thank you for your support.

Dr. B.F. Daniels Runs For First Vice President



Dr. B.F. Daniels

WINSTON-SALEM, NC — I would like to officially announce my candidacy for the office of First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

The First Vice President of the GBSC chairs the Committee for the Department of Home Missions. For many years I served the Piedmont area as a Mission Denominational Representative. I am the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC. I now serve the Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. I am married to Mrs. Bronnie Daniels.

I would like to ask pastors, ministers and messengers to support my candidacy for First Vice President. If elected I pledge to support the mission and mandate of the GBSC. I will be a loyal supporter of the vision of our Convention President. I believe that I can bring balance, unity, and new vision to the position I seek.

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If you have any questions please call me at (919) 693-4177 during the evening. During the day I can be reached at (919) 560-0710.

Deacon Willie S. Darby
Chairman, Pulpit Committee

First Baptist Chadbourn Seeks Pastor

Rev. Henry Jones, Sr., Pastor of 1st Baptist Chadbourn will retire effective August 1990. The church is now in the process of selecting a minister to succeed Rev. Jones.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1990

3 Youth Evangelism Conference Woman's Convention Reidsville, NC
5 World Day of Prayer (BWA — Woman's Department)
14 Shaw Divinity School Semi-Annual Meeting, Board of Trustees
17 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting 8:45 a.m., Baptist Headquarters
17 Woman's State Convention Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., Conference Room
18 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
22 THANKSGIVING DAY

DECEMBER 1990

1 Usher's Planning Meeting, Raleigh, NC
2 Bible Sunday
8 Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mt. Vernon Baptist Creedmoor, NC
10-12 Evangelism Institute White Rock, Durham, NC
15 Shaw Divinity School Final Exams for Fall Semester
23 CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
25 CHRISTMAS DAY
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 WATCH NIGHT

DR. T.J. JEMISON

President National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. To Keynote Annual GBSC Session

Compiled By Archie D. Logan Jr., Editor



Dr. T.J. Jemison Sr.

Facts about the Baptist World Center

Groundbreaking: January 24, 1985
Dedication: June 21, 1989
Address: 1620 Whites Creek Pike, Nashville, Tenn. 37207
Acreage: More than 13 acres
Total sq. ft.: 71,727 including Lobby, Auditorium and Baptistry, Office Wing and Conference Center
Cost: Building, $10 million; value of grounds, $2 million
Financing: Third National Bank, Nashville; Citizens Bank, Nashville; City National Bank, Baton Rouge
Balance owed: Approximately $7 million
Plan for payment: 100,000 "Baptist Builders" pledging $10 a month

CHARLOTTE, NC — The Reverend Dr. T.J. Jemison Sr., President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and pastor of the historic Mount Zion First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, will speak Tuesday evening, October 30, at 8 p.m. at our Annual GBSC Session.

Dr. Jemison was elected president of the Convention in 1982, succeeding Dr. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago. His administration has been characterized as much by his extraordinarily successful fund-raising efforts for the new $10 million National Baptist World Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Jemison, who had followed through on an idea planted 40 years ago by his father, the late Dr. D.V. Jemison, president of the convention from 1941 to 1953, "He often talked about the need for a central place, a headquarters, so I'm only the instrument that God used . . ."

We welcome our distinguished National President to North Carolina. President Humphrey is asking churches around the state to come see and hear Dr. Jemison. Bring your church buses and vans, share in a historic religious event.

Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear pastors, moderators, presidents, other Christian leaders, and members of the Baptist Fellowship:

The 123rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention and the 41st Annual Session of the Laymen League Convention will be held on October 28 through November 1, 1990, at the Civic Center, Raleigh, North Carolina. The host church will be Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, along with the Wake and Johnston County Associations.

We strongly urge you to make plans now to attend and bring with you some members and officers of your church.

The highlights of our convention will consist of the following activities:

1. Election of all officers
2. President's Banquet
3. Workshop on the Stewardship of the Pastor, Dr. T. Walker, Canaan Baptist Church, New York, New York.
4. Sermon by Dr. T.J. Jemison, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
5. Reports, Theme Addresses, Sermons, etc.

We look forward to the President's Banquet, which will be held on Tuesday evening, October 30, at 5:30 p.m., at the Raleigh Civic Center. Dr. Wyatt T. Walker will be the banquet speaker. Tickets for this banquet are available at the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of $18.00.

In order for us to make adequate arrangements, we would like for you to let us know the number of tickets that your church will need on or before October 24, 1990. Your tickets will be sent to you upon the receipt of your check.

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The cut off date: October 12, 1990

Your accommodations will not be confirmed without a check for the first night's deposit. You may use your credit card to guarantee your reservations.

We are counting on you to help make this forthcoming annual session a great success.

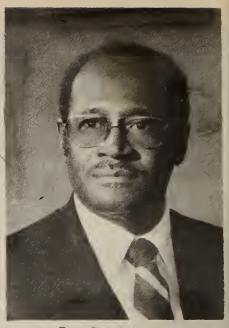
1. Select your messengers according to the number of your membership immediately and send the names and the representation fees to the Baptist Headquarters on the form which has been sent to you.

2. Send or bring all the money that you can for the objectives of the Convention: Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and Central Orphanage.

3. Pray, pray and pray that the Lord will bless our efforts as we seek to do his will and promote his work on earth among mankind. With your prayers, support and cooperation, I am sure that we will have a great Convention.

Again, many thanks to you for what you have done as a result of your abinding commitment to the Lord's work. I hope to see you in our annual session. It is said that we can make plans, but the final outcome is in God's hand.

Our gratitude and salutation go out to all of you for your dedicated support and cooperation that you gave to the Convention for the past fiscal year 1989-90.



Dr. C.C. Craig

As we move into a new fiscal year 1990-91, we are challenged to do a greater work. As we attempt great things for the Lord, we can expect great things from the Lord.

Tentative Program

Monday - October 29, 1990
Laymen League session
Dr. Charles C. Alston-Presiding

8:00 A.M.	Registration Executive Board Meeting
9:00 A.M.	All Laymen's Committess Meeting
10:00 A.M.	Laymen's Convention Call to Order
	Hymn: Laymen's Male Chorus Scripture: Bro. Isaac Coley Prayer: Bro. Weddie Gabriel
	Theme: TO BE ANNOUNCED
	Greetings: Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President , GBSC
	Welcome : Host Laymen League
	Response: Bro. Thomas Smith
10:30 A.M.	Greeting: Sis. Eva H. Johnson, President WBHFMC Bro. Cedric H. Jones, SundaySchool/Baptist Training Union Congress. Bro. Felton Davis, President, Usher Convention
11:00 A.M.	Workshop: Bro. Dallas Foster, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.
11:20 A.M.	Music: Laymen's Male Chorus
11:30 A.M.	Shaw Divinity School Hour Address: Dr. Joseph Paige
12:15 A.M.	Announcements
12:30 P.M.	Lunch

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By
Dr. J.B. Humphrey

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

16th Baptist World Congress A Success



16th Baptist World Congress Resolutions

By Mark A. Wyatt

SEOUL, Korea (BWA) — The theme of the 16th Baptist World Congress, "Together in Christ," was readily apparent in the smooth passage of six resolutions in less than three minutes and with no visible dissent on the final day of the congress, August 18.

Arthur Walker, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance's resolutions committee, said the group considered two additional resolutions following its initial report August 15.

"All of the concerns were very significant," Walker said. "We attempted to address every one by incorporating these as subsidiary parts of the others."

Resolutions adopted by the congress:

*Endorsed the Seoul Covenant, a challenge to Baptists to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person by the end of the 20th century, and encouraged Baptists to make evangelism a priority through A.D. 2000;

*Denounced religious persecution and intolerance, particularly the reappearance of anti-Semitic practices and slogans;

*Decried violence against any person or groups of persons and called on Baptists to foster movements for peace, justice and the preservation of the creation;

*Expressed appreciation to the hosts and planners of the congress and "Christian compassions for the families of South Korea and North Korea who have been separated for 44 years" due to ideological and political differences;

*Acknowledged the service of BWA General Secretary Denton Lotz and his predecessor, the late Gerhard Claas, as well as that of retiring BWA President Noel Vose and members of the BWA executive and support staffs;

*Affirmed resolutions adopted by the BWA General Council during the past five years.

Walker praised the committee which reviewed and recommended the resolutions.

"I think the committee members worked extremely well together," Walker said. "We were essentially of one mind."

Vose presided over the session when the resolutions were presented. He told delegates such resolutions allow the BWA to "give public expression, as a body, to our worldwide concerns and public expression of our love, thankfulness and appreciation."

8,000 Koreans Baptized

By Ginny Whitehouse

SEOUL, Korea (BWA) — Carmeta Fudd, of New Jersey, quietly hummed an Afro-American spiritual, while the Sam Ho Baptist Church victoriously sang the Halleluia Chorus, and 8,000 new Korean Christians walked down a rock slope beside the Han River to be baptized.

"Wade in the water, children," Fudd sang at the baptismal service August 18. "God's gonna trouble the water."

A total of 10,000 new Christians were baptized in a kilometer-long stretch of the Olympic Rowing Arena in two services during the 16th annual Baptist World Congress. Fudd, from the General Baptist Convention of the United States, was one of several hundred international delegates observing the ceremony.

"I can't express my joy and happiness. I never saw such a gathering," said Nripen Baidya of Bangladesh.

Most of those baptized came from the Seoul area, but at least 80 international pastors and 1,000 pastors from throughout Korea participated. Thirty-three Korean paratroopers from Special Operations Base 9 arrived in uniform and were baptized.

"I can get in the water, and I will meet Jesus Christ throughout life," said Sgt. Chang Ji Sop.

The event drew international press coverage. People from around the world and in Korea now have "a pictorial view of what being Baptist means," said Denton Lotz, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. His daughter, Alena, age 18, was also baptized during the ceremony.

Many Koreans still view Baptists as a cult, said Stephen No, Korea Baptist Convention executive director. The ceremony gave the entire nation opportunity to see Baptists at work.

Mikhail Kozubouskii, editor of a Baptist newspaper in Kiev, said his people only knew about "Korean believers by mouth and book. Now we can see for ourselves."

"This is representative of a very infinitesmal part of heaven," said Brenda Jones, of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

"The thing that has really inspired me is that though we don't speak the same language, we understand each other spiritually. This is not my church coming together to fulfill the Great Commission, but the world."

Rosa Parks To Speak In Durham

The Rosa L. Parks Celebration Committee invites you to participate in a banquet celebrating the life of Rosa Louise Parks, Saturday, November 3, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at the W.G. Pearson Cafeteria located on the campus of North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C.

Rosa L. Parks is nationally recognized as the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement" in America. Her refusal to surrender her seat to a white male passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, December 1, 1955, triggered a wave of protest December 5, 1955 that reverberated throughout the United States. Her quiet, courageous act changed America, its view of African-Americans and redirected the course of history.

We are honored to have Mrs. Parks in the Research Triangle area and solicit your support for the celebration by purchasing an advertisement in our souvenir brochure at the following rates:
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The deadline for ads is October 16, 1990. Please complete the enclosed form and mail ad information and check to: Rosa L. Parks Celebration Committee, c/o Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, P.O. Box 0, Wendell, North Carolina 27591.

Checks should be made payable to the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Individual tickets for the event are $25.00 each.

For additional information regarding the banquet, contact Cora Cole-McFadden in Durham at (919) 477-8995 or Tyrone Richardson in Raleigh at (919) 365-6509.

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"WBH&FMC Updates"



By Dr. P.A. Brodie

A Banquet For Mrs. Stella H. Bryant

On November 4th, a beautiful Retirement and Awards Banquet was held to honor Mrs. Stella H. Bryant, in the Educational Hall of the Pool's Grove Baptist Church. Mrs. Bryant retired as President of the Woman's Missionary and Educational Union, of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association which represent seventy-two church affiliates. She served as president for twenty-one years. The extent and effectiveness of her work was evident by the many tributes and gifts she received from members and friends of the Association. Many thanked her for the positive Christian influence she had on their lives over the years.

Mrs. Bryant is a life-time member of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church where she has served faithfully in many capacities. For over forty-three years she has served as a general church advisor. Her musical talent led her to serve as chorister for Choir No. 1 and is highly regarded for her missionary work on the local and state-wide level.

Other church and religious activities included being a member of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary of Home and Foreign Mission Convention, also a life-time member of the Lott Carey Mission Convention. She has also served on the finance and executive board of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Her devotion to the church and its mission has enhanced her efforts as she worked with young people in her capacity as a teacher. Mrs. Bryant served as treasurer of the District of North Carolina of Educators. She is a member of the Retired Teachers' Association and the National Association of University Women.

With all of her many activities, Mrs. Bryant has found time to be a Past Worthy Matron of Queen Vashti Chapter No. 573, Order of the Eastern Star. She strongly supports the NAACP and the North Carolina Senior Council.

On this occasion Mrs. Bryant's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corprew, accompanied her and gave a special tribute to her.

The planning committee, Mrs. Elsie Lassiter, President of The Woman's Missionary and Educational Union, Mrs. Elessie Desboins, Mrs. Mary P. Spruill, Mrs. Lenora Spence, Mrs. Rosetta Williams, Mrs. Jean Ferebee and Mrs. Carrie C. Simmons did a fantastic job in putting together the banquet, arranging the programs and getting all the wonderful participants.

The banquet tables were tastifully decorated in autumn colors with tiny pumpkins with autumn leaves, fruit and nuts.

Tributes were given by Rev. W.T. Davis, Moderator of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association; Rev. J.L. Wills, 1st Vice-Moderator; Rev. J.H. Rodgers, 2nd Vice-Moderator. Although Rev. J.E. Griffin was not present he sent his regrets. Many other individuals from missionary groups and individuals paid tribute and brought gifts.

The music by the Gates County Caravans and Mrs. Velma Barclift lent a very spiritual as well as festive air to the occasion.

We congratulate the presiding officers, Mrs. Elessie Desboins, 1st Vice-President and Mrs. Mary P. Spruill, 2nd Vice-President, for a super job in keeping the program moving on schedule and in a spirit of love and Christian fellowship.

Witnessing Youth

By Dr. P.A. Brodie

On Saturday, November 3, 1990, will be the Ninth Annual Youth Evangelism Conference of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention. The meeting will be held at Reidsville Senior High School, South Park Drive, Reidsville. The co-hosts are Zion Baptist Church, Reverend Gregory Moss, Pastor, and Rockingham County Union, Mrs. Thelma Hines, president.

Our churches and organizations are invited to come and bring the youth. Youth attending the conference are asked to bring their Bibles, an offering of two (2) or more dollars, and to pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. As a matter of fact let all of us ask God to prepare us for the session.

Mrs. Barbara T. Hewett, Supervisor, and the Youth Department are very excited and are in great anticipation. As usual the Conference has the potential of being informative and spiritual.

Event – Youth Evangelism Conference

Directions to Reidsville:
Reidsville Senior High School
South Park Drive
Reidsville, NC

Reidsville is located 23 miles north of Greensboro, 45 miles north east of Winston Salem, 26 miles west of Yanceyville, 24 miles northwest of Burlington.

Durham and Eastern North Carolina

Persons coming from Durham and Eastern North Carolina would travel 85 S. to Greensboro. Take 29 North to Reidsville. As you approach Reidsville, take Business 29 Route into Reidsville. At the first traffic light take a left, follow this route until you pass the Nelson Cole automobile dealership. Turn right at the next traffic light. There is a Food Lion Store in the shopping area. The school will be the second school on the right.

Fayetteville, Charlotte, Wilmington

Persons coming from these locations take 29 North out of Greensboro and follow the directions above.

Henderson, Roxboro, Yanceyville

Persons coming from north eastern North Carolina should follow 158 West into Reidsville. Stay on the by-pass until you pass the Ashecroft Shopping area. At the second traffic light, you will see a Food Lion Store in the shopping area. Turn left here and the Reidsville Senior High School will be the second school on the right.

Western North Carolina

Persons traveling through Winston Salem may travel 40 east to Greensboro then take 29 North out of Greensboro and follow directions above from Greensboro.

or

You may travel 158 East to Reidsville at the first bridge take 29 S. — Greensboro Exit then follow the directions for Henderson, Roxboro, Yanceyville.

"I Know A Great Savior . . . Don't You?"

By Ms. Augusta White

Approximately nine hundred persons from across North Carolina attended the Seventeenth Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention. President Eva H. Johnson presided; opening song: "Oh How I Love Jesus"; invocation and grace were given by Dr. S.R. Johnson, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury.

Welcome was given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Convention. "I extend to each of you a sincere welcome. Before you heard the welcome you held it in your hands and you ate it. It's good for Christian and church people to dress up and fellowship together. We hope you are enjoying the program so far. We hope that during the week you will enjoy some 'Spiritual Food'."

Greetings were given by Dr. J. Ray Butler, host pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church.

"I am happy to extend greetings to you from the members of Shiloh Baptist Church. We have been looking forward to having you in Winston-Salem this week."

Greetings from Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist Convention — "The Woman's Convention has made it easy for us. Your dedication and assistance you have given to the General Baptist Convention helped us to be where we are. We could not have made it without your finance and spiritual assistance. It is good to see the former Presidents of your convention here giving their support. For more than 450 thousand Baptists, we greet you in the name of the Father and wish for you a glorious time this week." The convention officials and guests were presented by Mrs. Shirley Bullock, First Vice-President.

A special recognition was read from the Governor by Mrs. Julias McDonald, Fourth Vice-President. The Certificate was presented to Dr. Ross making her an Honorary North Carolinian.

President Johnson presented Dr. Mary O. Ross, President of the Woman's Convention, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., to address the Seventeenth Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet. "One thing have I desire of the Lord that I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. I greet you in the name of one whose light never goes out, one who never sleeps, and the Woman's Convention of over four million members. Thanks be to God for the occasion which brought us together and for the ties that bind us together. The theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task In Christian Education" is a good one because knowledge and religion are inseparable. We should seek to know Christ and what he would have us be. One great need is to know how to be a Christian. People must be taught that God is the God of the whole universe. God is concerned abut what's happening in the world today. God is concerned about how we are raising our children today. He is concerned about unemployment, racism and discrimination. Knowledge that we as the laity as called is rich because we work across all lines. Remind women of the things that make for fine womanhood and finer manhood. We don't have to do everything we see others doing. We spend a lot of time trying to prove who we are. We don't have to prove this to anyone; just go on and do what's right.

"I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know. I want to be able as the days go by to always

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look myself in the eyes; I don't want on a closet shelf a lot of the secrets about myself and fool myself as I come and go into thinking that no one will know the kind of person I really am. I want to go out with my head erect. I want to deserve all men's respect. I know what others may never know. I see what others may never see; I can never hide myself and so I want to be self respecting and conscience free.

"We must dare to obey God; we must dare to know what's going on today. Knowledge can become hazardous.

Seven things to remember:

1. Study and find knowledge.
2. Feel the profound state of the Word.
3. Be in close touch with the situation.
4. Pray several times daily.
5. Witness to Jesus Christ.
6. Seek unity of Church.
7. Remain faithful.

Christians must risk the result. Esther risked her life for her people — "If I perish let me perish, I am going to see the King." Mandela risked 27 years of his life.

"I know a great savior, I do don't you."

Special music was furnished by the New Day Singers of Salisbury and Eddie Bines, Shiloh, Winston-Salem.

The Redeemed of the Lord, Say So

By Augusta White, Associate Editor

A great crowd was on hand at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, Tuesday, July 24, 1990, for the opening day of the 106th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention.

Following the procession, President Eva Johnson said: "My eyes have seen the glory of our mighty God. I have seen His eyes in our protection as we traveled the highways to this convention. We have come to thank God and to praise Him as we refill our empty cups with spiritual food and drink to carry His message to the valleys and mountains. May God bless all our deliberations."

The session was opened with the audience joining in with the convention choir in singing "Come Thou Fount." Scripture was read by Mrs. Mabel Kelly.

Theme Discussion: Ms. Blanche Wimberly — "Challenge is a word that calls us into action." We should be about our Father's business. The television and school out score the home. We have lost our effectiveness. We have gotten away from teaching by precepts and examples. The world like "Old Man River" is constantly changing, but nothing changes in the scriptures.

"The change of moral values give our children false hope. Our children have lost the word, respect. Some of us live next to people who do not go to church or believe in our God and we fail to influence them to learn of our Master. We need to permit God to live in our lives and our churches. We must live so others can see Christ in our lives. We must be like Esther and go see the King to save our people. Never miss an opportunity to witness for our Lord. Continue to tell the unsaved and unchurched that Christ still lives. 'Because He lives I can face tomorrow.' " A soul stirring prayer was done by Ms. Darlene Eaves, Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia.

Sharing Experience: Mrs. Ruby Allen, Oak Grove, Oxford, N.C. "I am so glad to be here. I have had so many experiences until I don't know where to begin. I have walked the floor and cried asking God to help me work for this convention. There are five former presidents that have trained me and helped me to grow. Growing up I played church and I kept God on my mind. I used to go to the Mourner's Bench and we prayed and God freed my soul. We have to pray more than ever for our safety because people are breaking in even when we are sleeping."

Mrs. Carrie Pritchett, True Friendship Baptist Church, Weldon, was in charge of an impressive memorial service. A candle was lit for our deceased members.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie ended her Conventional Directions with a conventional favorite, "So Glad I'm Here."

Greetings were extended by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention. "I am happy and delighted to be a part of this fellowship. 'What would it profit you to gain the whole world and lose your own soul?' The Command of Jesus makes us live like John the Baptist. I am praising you for a job well done. Without your liberal support and hard work, the work in North Carolina would not be like it is. Pray for your leaders and don't put them in the 'Duty Bound Area,' but put them in your special prayers and call them by name."

Dr. Ronald Swain, Vice President of Development, Shaw University, presented Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, for the message. "Thank You, Thank you for your support. We closed the year at Shaw with a little surplus." Subject: "A Request That Saves". — Matthew 14:30. "Lord, Save Me." "There are many requests we get everyday, some pleasant and some annoying. Some requests you like to honor. God responds to some requests but to some He cannot. Lord, save me is one request that He likes to hear. Even a child can ask for this request. After He fed the ten thousands they wanted to make Him King. When Peter was walking on the water and he began to sink he cried out, 'Master, save me.' Something about salvation is urgent. He sent the multitudes away and compelled His disciples to get in the boat and go over on the other side. Jesus was not playing. His disciples were caught up in the plan to make Him King, but He sent them over on the other side. We have churches today who do not want strong leaders; they want leaders they can rule. Many times I feel like giving up, but Jesus says, 'Talbert, I have sent you.' That first love comes and we can move mountains, but trouble comes. Is it possible for us to be lost in the church? We need to be saved everyday. Salvation is a daily conversion. Are we sinking in the sea of selfishness, criticism, sinking in familiar waters? Jesus is always there. God does not promise salvation tomorrow but today. Being in the church does not save us from sinking in familiar grounds. 'I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; But the master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me now safe am I. Love lifted me, love lifted me when nothing else could help, love lifted me.' "

Music was furnished by the convention choir directed by Waverly Camp, assisted by Donald Crawford.

First Vice President Shirley Bullock recognized the ministers, new members, state auxiliary presidents, past presidents, auxiliary presidents; circle, union, former convention presidents and visitors.

The afternoon session was called to order by Second Vice President Maggie White. The tone for the afternoon session was set with an impressive worship service led by Ms. Georgia Thompson, worship chairperson of the convention.

The Deacons' Wives Fellowship presented a pageant, using women of the Bible.

Our Objectives:

Central Children's Home — Mr. Michael Alston expressed appreciation on behalf of the Central Children's Home. "We really appreciate your help over at the Children's Home. I am proud of the convention because you do a good job helping others."

Shaw University/Shaw Divinity School — Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, expressed thanks to the convention for the help given to Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. "We all have three problems: money, money, and money. Without 135 years of Shaw's existence, what would the Baptist Church have been without Shaw University to prepare teachers and ministers? We are looking for approximately 1700 students in September."

Mrs. Lorine Lynch presented Mrs. Norman Kerry, Jr., for the Ministers' Wives afternoon message. "Come apart before you come apart." "Today Christian women are on the move searching to find their way to Christ. We are a special 'breed' juggling our jobs on the one hand and a home on the other. Attending service all day on Sundays, we must learn to build our home spiritually and take time for strengthening our relationship with God, with our family and have time for ourselves. We are majoring in the minor and minoring in the major. Ministers must find time to do things with their families. Quality time is important. Plan casual outings with family." Special music was by Mrs. Laura Annette Woods.

During the evening session, President Eva Johnson turned the program over to Mrs. Savannah Johnson who acted as mistress of ceremonies for the welcome program. Mrs. Hilda Smith, First Vice President of the joint missionary society of Shiloh Baptist Church, presented Dr. and Mrs. J. Ray Butler. Greetings were given by Mrs. Roxanne Pitts, president, joint missionary society, Shiloh Baptist Church; the Honorable Vivian Burke Alderman of Northeast Ward and Mayor Pro-Tem. She presented a key to the city to President Johnson. Other greetings included Mr. George Sweat, chief of police; Forsyth County Sheriff, who urged the convention to put this community in your prayers and put the church back in the forefront; Mr. Palmer Friende, associate superintendent, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools; Mrs. Marion L. Butler, President of Church Women United; Rev. H.L. Moore, president of Ministers' Conference, Winston-Salem and vicinity and Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church.

Music for the welcome program was furnished by the J. Ray Butler Choir, Shiloh Baptist Church. Response was given by Mrs. Dollene Eatman, president, Tar River Woman's Auxiliary. President Eva Johnson presented Dr. A.B. Sutton of Charlotte to present Dr. C.E. Dewberry, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Charlotte for the sermon.

The theme: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Christian Education" is still a good one. "My work is to do the will of Him that sent me. Satan knocked me down, but God picked me up. We are God's children. You have been bought with a price. I thought I belonged to myself until I was told that I belonged to God. One soweth and another reapeth. Herein lies the embracing of the Master. Jesus had been working and stopping not to eat and the disciples were worried about Him and He said 'I have come to do the will of Him that sent Me.' Lift up your eyes and look on the fields. The work of the Master is all around you. We are too busy doing worldly things; we don't have time to look on the fields. We turn on the TV, radio or read the newspaper, its worldly things. They are soliciting from the churches. Our doctrines have changed. We have people doing a little bit of everything. Church people and preachers have gone out after something else. Christians and nonbelievers dress alike and act alike. It's hard to tell the Christians from the nonbelievers. They say that the church is not out in the fields. There is no distinction between the denominations. Our youth are dying in the fields of drugs. The fields are being filled by the wrong things. The youth are selling themselves to the devil. They are leaving the institutional churches and have gone to something else. We are workers together with God. 'What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, everything to God in prayer.' If you keep your hand in God's hand, He will draw you back when you stray away. He is my all in all. God's got to lay His hands on you. God is alright, He is the same today and tomorrow. You have to talk to God. You can tell Him anything. He will not talk about you. When you work together everything is okay." Special music was by Gethsemane Choir, Charlotte.

On Wednesday morning approximately 2000 or more people dressed in white from every corner in North Carolina poured into the Benton Convention Center to hear President Johnson deliver her first address. First Vice President Shirley Bullock presided over this session.

The officers of the convention, President Eva H. Johnson, Dr. J. B. Humphrey, president of the General Baptist State Convention, past presidents of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, presidents from the other auxiliaries of the General Baptist State Convention, the president and officers of the Young Adult Department and the Executive Board of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention marched into the auditorium and took their places.

The tone for this session was set by the Convention Choir and congregation singing, "O, I Want to See Him." "O, I want to see Him, look upon His face, there to sing forever of His saving grace; on the streets of glory let me lift my voice; Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice."

Scripture — Mrs. Lelia Gregory; prayer, Mrs. Brenda Chesnutt, Whiteville.

Following a selection from the Convention Choir, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, president of General Baptist State Convention, brought greetings. "This is a 'great convention.' We are delighted that

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we have the privilege to praise the Lord. The parent body is proud of all its auxiliaries. We have had some strong hearted presidents of this Convention and Executive Secretaries. We are proud of the unity, cooperation, and support from this convention. I have been pleased to serve this one year with Mrs. Johnson who took up the helm of this organization. Dr. Brodie is an unusual person. She is supportive, cooperative, and most helpful, and we call on her for many things. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

Mrs. Colene Stanley, Young Adult Director brought greetings from the Young Adult Department. "It is with humble mind that I greet you on the 106th session of this convention as Young Adult Director. I greet you as a messenger in God's name. The Young Adult Department took part in the Mid-Year Session, the Leaders Conference, Family Missions Conference, the Youth Evangelism Conference, the Young Adult Retreat and the Annual Session. We are striving to carry out the motto of 'Christ In Every Home.' "

Mrs. Barbara Hewett, Youth Supervisor, brought greetings on behalf of the Youth Department. "We greet you in love because we are the little people. We greet you in aspiration and expectation. We are the little people with the talent and big money. Continue to pray for us."

Dr. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, was presented for her annual report. "Good morning, my sisters and brothers in Christ. We wish to thank you for financial and spiritual support given the convention. 'Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So.' 'See what the Lord has done, you ought to count your many blessings and see what the Lord has done.' He brought joy, peace, harmony in the midst of storm; just stop and wait on the Lord. We have a new Cradle Roll Certificate for you to use in enrolling your Cradle Roll pupils. The certificates are $1.00 each or ten (10) for $8.00 For the period September, 1989-May, 1990, we have received $354,265.55 and need to reach the budget of $546,599.99, $251,117.07.

"If you permit me I should like to sing 'Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee, no other help I Know."

Dr. M.A. Horne, past president of the convention and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus, presented President Eva Johnson for Her first address.

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing." "As I extend greetings to this huge membership of our Baptist family assembled here today my heart within me echoes signs of love, praise and thanksgiving to God and to each of you for your cooperative, Christ-like spirit that you have shown in accepting me as your president. My prayer shall always be "Lord, keep me low in order to lift others as I go along life's highway."

"To God we give the glory for bringing us together the seventh month in this new decade of 1990. We have experienced rough roads, and winding curves, and the going at times was mighty hard. But all the way we encountered God at work in our lives, and in others — so faith stirred within us. The power of God filled our lives with this assurance of success in all of our ministries to humanity. We have come this far, my sisters and brothers, by faith, leaning on the Lord."

President Johnson made the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1. That we put forth every effort to make our motto, "Christ in Every Home," a reality.
2. That we make soul-winning the chief business of our Missionary Ministry.
3. That we implement a plan of action designed to assess, update, and evaluate progress, goals, and objectives of the Convention, and to establish a timetable for the same.
4. That we study incentives for directing our youth in using their talents for moral, spiritual, physical, and mental development to the glory of God.
5. That we promote broader state-wide news coverage with the help of district promoters providing local papers with Convention's news (highlighting annual sessions, etc.)
6. That we develop a stronger state-wide network chain of communications.
7. That we give the Youth Mission Conference stronger support in its purpose of strengthening the family unit.
8. That we extend appreciation to our Music Committee, under the direction of Mr. Waverly Camp, for the quality of musical selections chosen.
9. That we continue to utilize the wealth of experience and information that Sister Minnie Lyon has treasured from her foreign ministry.
10. That we continue to thank God for Sister Georgia Thompson, chairman of our early morning praise session, and for the support that the messengers contribute to this spiritual service.
11. That we exercise our voting rights as Christian citizens.

First Vice President Shirley Bullock presided over the afternoon session with the Young Adults and Youth in the absence of Third Vice President Novella Whitted.

President Darryl Patterson was presented for his annual address. "To me I find it easy to be a president because I have so many good people to work with me. Our challenge today is to read and lead people to Christ. When you teach you have to have a guide. The handbook of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention is the guide to follow. The Young Adult challenge is to hold up the light. The torch represents Jesus. This torch also represents the Young Adult Department. Alcohol, drugs, guns, babies having babies are taking over our youth. Young Adults, we need to be examples and teach the young people the right way to Christ. We must realize that we must be the bridge for our youth and unsaved. Young Adults, hold up the light because Jesus is the light."

A special presentation was given to Dr. Berthenia D. Horne who thought of the idea to form the Young Adult Department and the Youth Department.

The following Young Adults were promoted to the Senior Department: Mary Fox Clarke, Cynthia Maxwell, Mable Brooks, Kirk Davis, Reverend Keith McCullough, and Gayla Smith.

During the Youth Hour the winners for "Shaw" Contest and "Have-a-Heart for Missions" presented their talents. "Have-a-Heart for Mission" 1st place, Jolyne Reid-Gaston County; 2nd place, Theresa Goss, New Era Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Shaw Contest 1st place, Lekesia Wright, 2nd place, Tenecia Stallings. Tania Butler, president of the Youth Department, was presented for her annual address. "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Education." "All missionaries are to be accountable. Our work for God is not easy. No one said the 'road would be easy.' It's hard to get Missionary Baptists back to a meeting or a service after the morning worship service.

1. Love for mankind — We learn to love and appreciate others.
2. Importance of Giving. Christians must learn to budget time and gifts.
3. Power of the Word of God.
4. Mission Work. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father. . ." One must accept Christ as personal saviour. This is a challenge for all."

Jeffrey Sims was promoted to the Young Adult Department.

A mini-musical concert was presented by the young people, directed by Victor M. Davis.

Wednesday evening was Foreign Mission night. President Johnson presided. Dr. Brodie presented the following returned missionaries from North Carolina: Ms. Bowers, Mrs. Catherlene Thompson and Miss Minnie C. Lyon. Dr. Nilous Avery, Pastor, Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville, and Moderator, Mud Creek Association, presented Dr. Clifford Jones, Sr., Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte and 2nd Vice President, Lott Carey Convention, for the evening message. "Foreign Missionary-A Critique." "But go your way and tell Peter and the other disciples that He goes before them into Galilee. . Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He lived and He died and now He lives. Christians ought to be able to be awaken at midnight and say that I am a Christian and that Jesus lives. We believe that God has spoken throughout the ages. It is important for us in the 21st century to know who we are. It is time for Afro-Americans to stand up and stop begging. We have arrived. God has answered grandmothers' prayers. We are lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers. The world is changing. When are more of our Afro-Americans coming to tell us more about Christ? 'See what the Lord has done, you ought to count your many blessings and see what the Lord has done.' I have, we will take seriously what we are becoming as a real witness for Jesus. We are still robbing and abusing each other. Our children are being exposed to other religions. We don't know much about the Baptist doctrine. We don't know what we practice in the Lord's Supper and Baptism. We need to know and hold to the doctrines. We can be Baptists and still be lost if we don't know Christ. If we don't say Jesus is our rock and our salvation, we can be lost. Remember who we are and never apologize about it.

"Mark teaches that Jesus is the Christ. The man with the unclean spirit recognized Jesus. Even the devils in Hell know who Jesus is and He has power. There is something about Jesus that is more than Mary's baby. He told the disciples that the world does not love us, but be thou faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life. Do you know Jesus for yourself? Judas betrayed Him and Peter denied Him. Pilate did not know what to do with Him. They took Christ to Golgatha and hanged Him high, not because He had done anything. Early that Sunday morning He rose up. I can't give up that early Sunday morning. Have you tried Jesus on a sick bed? Have you tried Him when there is trouble? Jesus is my rock, my bread and Jesus is my ship in the time of a storm. 'Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone: Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.' "

Special music was furnished by Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte.

Fourth Vice-President Julias McDonald, presided over the closing session on Thursday morning.

Following the committee reports Reverend John Daniels, Pastor, Spring Branch Baptist Church, Wagram, installed the officers (See report of nominating committee).

Report of Nominating Committee

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Asst. Secretary	Mr. Derrick Holland
Pianist	Ms. Billy Robertson
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Asst. Music Director	Ms. Lola Troy
Historian	Harry Stafford
Worship Chairman	Reverend Darryl McGraw
Newspaper Editor	Ms. Kahisha Tomlin

In Memoriam

Ecclesiastes 3rd Chapter
Verses 1 & 2

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.



Dr. Joseph Harrison Jackson Dies In Chicago

By Leonzo Lynch, Contributing Editor

Dr. Joseph Harrison Jackson, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois since 1941 and president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., from 1953 to 1982, died Saturday, August 18, in a Chicago hospital. The National Baptist Convention is the largest black religious organization in America.

The funeral was held Saturday, August 25, 11 a.m., at Olivet Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. M. Thelma Alexander Jackson of Chicago, and a daughter, Dr. Kenny Jackson Williams, a professor of English at Duke University in Durham.

Dr. Jackson had preached in Duke Chapel. Jackson Library was established in his honor in Chicago. It contains many of his personal papers. Large sums of money were contributed to the School of Religion at Howard University, Washington, D.C. While president of the Convention, he led the convention in the purchase of a Freedom Farm in Somerville, Tenn., in 1960. Blacks moved from Tent City to the farm. It was a highly mechanized and diversified farm which gave employment to many displaced blacks in Tennessee. His major emphasis during the civil rights struggle of the '60s was production over protest. He emphasized economic development for blacks — savings, investments, ownership of property, manufacturing, education, voting and support of the nation.

Dr. Jackson served as director of the Foreign Missions Board of the National Baptist Convention with headquarters in Philadelphia and as vice president of the NBC before becoming president.

He was born in Rudyard, Michigan. He pastored rural congregations there, in Omaha, Nebraska and at Monumental Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

He was a graduate of Jackson College in Mississippi, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School (B.D. degree), Creighton University (M.A. degree), and completed all residential coursework for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He also studied at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was author of several books including "Stars In The Night," "The Eternal Flame," "Many But One," "Unholy Shadows and Freedoms' Holy Light," "Nairobi: A Joke, A Junket or A Journey?" and a "Story of Christian Activism: History of the National Baptist Convention USA."

As a philanthropist, he contributed to a number of historic African-American colleges and universities including his alma mater, Jackson State University.

Dr. Jackson was recognized around the world as one of the greatest religious figures and leaders of the century.

He led the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., during the time of African-American struggle for justice, liberation and freedom. Dr. Jackson left a legacy of accomplishments and milestones.

Announcement

The Christian Legal Society of North Carolina will sponsor a statewide conference at the Raleigh Marriott at Crabtree Valley on November 2-3 dealing with issues of religious liberty on the state, national and international levels. This seminar is designed for attorneys, pastors and Christian lay leaders. Seminar topics include religious freedom in public and private education, legal issues confronting churches and non-profit organizations, church discipline, and assisting the suffering and newly liberated church worldwide. For conference registration and more information, write CLS-NC, P.O. Box 26391, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 or call Steve West at 919-856-4048.

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Monday Afternoon Session
Bro. Jarvis Morgan, Fourth Vice President - Presiding

2:00 P.M. Devotions: Bro. John C. Newkirk
Bro. Romas Hales

2:15 P.M. Theme Address: Bro. Thomas Jones, Lumberton, N.C.

2:30 P.M. Report of Executive Board: Dr. Charles C. Alston

3:00 P.M. Music Laymen's Male Chorus

3:15 P.M. Presentation of speaker
Sermon: Rev. Willie A. Greene
Pastor, Eveningview M.B. Church, Jacksonville, N.C.

4:00 P.M. Offering
Announcements

4:15 P.M. Adjournment for Banquet

5:00 P.M. North Carolina State Laymen's League Annual
Banquet and Award Program
Athens Drive High School
1420 Athens Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina

Monday Night Session
Bro. Ernest Oansby, Third Vice President-Presiding

7:00 P.M. Devotion: Youth Laymen's Incharge
Song:
Scripture:
Prayer:

7:15 P.M. **Local Youth Laymen's League Hour**

Music: Enloe High School Gospel Choir
Shaw University Gospel Choir

8:15 P.M. Welcome Program by General Baptist State Convention
Music
Offering: Appointee
Sermon: Reverend Alfred Dudley

Announcements
Benediction

10:00 P.M. Evangelistic Service

Tuesday - October 30, 1990

7:30 A.M. General Baptist State Laymen's League Breakfast
Bro. Howard Graham, Second Vice President - Presiding

9:00 A.M. Laymen's Session- Bro. George W. Turner
First Vice President Presiding

Devotion: Host Laymen's Leaque
Song:
Scripture:
Prayer

9:15 A.M. Theme Address: Bro. Thomas Conley

9:30 A.M. Music: Laymen's Male Chorus
Presentation of Local Laymen's Leagues Presidents and Officers
Presentation of Pastors and Ministers

9:45 A.M. Committee Reports
Study Commission: Bro. Jarvis Morgan
Laymen's League Retreat: Bro. Frank A. Marshall
Youth Division: Bro. Everett Miles

Offering: Isaac Coley
Willie Harris
Keith Littlejohn

10:15 A.M. Presentation of The President: Bro. George W. Turner

Music: Laymen's Male Chorus

10:30 A.M. President's Annual Address: Dr. Charles C. Alston
President of The General Baptist State
Convention Laymen's League

Music: Laymen's Male Chorus

11:00 A.M. Presentation of Speaker: Bro. Nathaniel Daniels

Sermon: Rev. Theadore Breeden
Pastor, Anitoch M.B. Church, Proctorville, N.C.

11:00 A.M. Remarks
Announcements

12:00 P.M. Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon - October 30th

12:00 Noon Registration

General Baptist Convention in Session
Dr. J. B. Humphrey, presiding

1:30 PM Devotion: Song
Scripture.....
Prayer.....

Convention Call to Order - J. B. Humphrey
Theme: Dr. Andrea Carr - "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship - Talents"

2:00 PM Pastor's and Moderators' Workshop
Dr. Wyatt T. Walker

Offering

Announcements

Adjournment

5:30 PM President's Banquet
Speaker: Dr. Wyatt T. Walker

Tuesday Evening

8:00 PM Worship:
Music.....Mass Choir
Scripture.....
Prayer.....
Music.....Mass Choir
Offering
Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Dr. J. B. Humphrey
Music.....Mass Choir

Sermon.....Dr. T. J. Jemison

Report of the Nominating Committee

Benediction

Wednesday Morning - October 31st.
7:00 AM Prison Ministry Breakfast - Radisson Plaza Hotel
8:00 AM - Noon Registration

9:00 Devotion
Scripture.....
Prayer.....

Theme.....Rev. D. R. Jenkins
"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship - The Gospel"

9:30 Report of General Board

Greetings:
Dr. Wendell Somerville
Mrs. Eva Johnson
Dr. Charles Alston
Mr. Felton Davis
Mr. Cedric Jones
Mr. Michael Alston

Music.....First West Baptist Church Choir

11:00 President's Address.....Dr. J. B. Humphrey

Music.....First West Baptist Church Choir

Observations

12:30 Adjournment

Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon October 31st

1:30 PM Devotion
Scripture.....
Prayer.....

Election

3:30 Reports
Dr. P. A. Brodie, WBH&FMC, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Corbin Cooper, Cooperative Ministries and Seminary Extension
Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Others

Sermon.....Reverend George Cook
Alternate.....Reverend A. L. Byrd
Announcements

Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

6:45 PM Devotion
Scripture.....
Prayer.....

7:00 Music.....Shaw University Choir

Greetings.....Dr. Talbert O. Shaw
President, Shaw University
& Shaw Divinity School
Music.....Salem Baptist Church Choir
8:15 Sermon.....Rev. A. L. Jinwright
Alternate.....
Music.....Salem Baptist Church Choir
Announcements
Benediction

Thursday Morning November 1st

9:00 AM Devotion: Song
Scripture.....
Prayer.....

9:15 Music.....Convention Choir

Theme Address.....Rev. L. C. Ray
"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship - Opportunity"

Music.....Convention Choir

Installation of Officers
Music
Sermon.....Rev. Leroy Davis
Alternate.....Rev. Darryl Robinson
Music
Communion

Benediction

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Vote W.B. Lewis President, GBSC



Theme: "A Continuation of Unity, Strength & Progress"

W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina and Vice President at-large, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated announced that he is a candidate seeking the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated October 31, 1990. After much prayer, and after talking with many people, I offer myself as a candidate for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated.

My campaign will be carried out in a positive manner, and will be Christian oriented, in every respect. I want to recognize all of us as God's Children.

The General Baptist State Convention needs the leadership of a man who is committed to meeting the needs of the Convention as a whole, and dedicated to serving the needs of people. These are the trademarks of W.B. Lewis.

The General Baptist Convention needs the leadership of a man who is not only sure of his convictions, but also who has a burning zeal for ministering to others. The Convention needs the leadership of a man who knows where he is going, one who has the gift of working with, and recognizing people. The General Baptist Convention needs a man with the necessary experience and experience to boldly take the helm and guide the Convention forward in God's service. W.B. Lewis is that man. "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying 'Whom shall I send? and Who will go for us?' and I said 'Here I am, send me,' I am ready to be president of our General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated.

I call upon the people of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated to give me your prayers, your support and your vote to help continue unity, strength, stability and progress of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. Thank you.

VOTE W.B. LEWIS PRESIDENT

Theme: "New Directions For A New Day And A New Decade"

Vote J.C. Harris President, GBSC



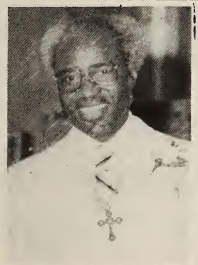
Who shall be president of the General Baptist State Convention for these times?
— when we are losing our young black men and women to the drug community.
— when the wheels of civil rights are in reverse
— when racism is being recycled
— when mission ministry is at a low ebb

Please Vote For J.C. Harris
Your Vote Will Make A Difference

GBSC Annual Session, Raleigh, N.C.
October 31, 1990

(Any Pastors, Ministers, Officers or Members of the GBSC are welcomed to get involved with my campaign. I need volunteers: to assist me in getting out the vote; to distribute handouts; to make telephone calls; to plan election strategy; and to give input to my campaign. I can be reached at 704/872-6880 (home) or 704/873-1732 (church).)

Dr. G.A. Jones Sr. For 3rd Vice President, GBSC



I, the Rev. Dr. G.A. Jones Sr., recording secretary of the GBSC of NC, Inc., state my desire to hold the office of third vice-president. I have served as recording secretary of the Convention for the past eight years.

Your electing me to serve as recording secretary for two terms has been challenging and rewarding. It has afforded me the opportunity to work closely with the presidents and to share in the vision of our Convention. Without a doubt, I am ready and equipped to accept an even greater challenge — the position of third vice-president.

To the servants that had worked dutifully, the Lord said, "Because of your faithfulness as servants, Be thou ruler." Those that had served well found grace in the Lord's sight. I, like the servants in scripture, have executed the responsibilities placed upon me in a faithful manner.

I pledge my loyalty to whomsoever the Lord of the harvest sees fit to place as leader of this tremendous work. I shall cooperate and do my best to uphold the objectives of the Convention.

My interest to serve is primarily based upon Psalm 11:3 — "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Now, let us consider the foundation. Genesis 2:24 says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, an shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." God Himself created the foundation, which is the family, out of which He formed twelve tribes; out which He formed the assembly; out of which He formed the synagogue, the temple, the congregation and the church.

Therefore, I stress that the Christian world, including the GBS Convention, preach more on the "salvation of the family." If the old familiar saying, "The family that prays together stays together," be true, then we must preach this Gospel of family salvation. We must preach it with power and conviction. While two out of every five marriages end in divorce, we must accentuate family worship, the Word of God, and prayer. When the increasing number of unwed mothers, teenage prostitution, drug addition, street crimes and a host of other ungodly, abominable and detestable acts which plague our society, the topic of family salvation must be emphasized unrelentingly. Wholly do I pledge to stand with the Convention's leaders on "Salvation of the Family."

To the man that dwelt in the midst of the tombs, after he was delivered, Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends and shew how great things to the Lord hath done for thee and hath had compassion on thee." To the woman at the well, Jesus said, "Call thy husband." To Jacob, the Lord said, "Return home whence thou fled from the face of thy brother and I will deal with thee."

The whole plan of salvation is built upon and centers around the family: God — Father, Jesus Christ — Son, righteous men — brothers, women — sisters, children ,— sons and daughters. To my brothers and sisters of the Convention, I take the unswerving stand that we save the family.

While you have worked well with me during the past two terms, my desire is to continue to please the Master. Therefore, I ask you to vote for me on October 29, 1990.

"To Serve This Present Age, My Calling To Fulfill . . ."

Ronald L. Swain
University Minister and
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
Shaw University



Former pastor of the Shady Hill Baptist Church in Roxboro, North Carolina; Associate Pastor of the Sandy Fork Baptist Church in Wilson County, North Carolina; Pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina; and, Interim Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

AS YOUR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT HE INTENDS TO:

— Promote Christian Education for all age-levels
— Re-activate the Committee on Higher Christian Education
— Strengthen Ministry to college students through Baptist Student Union (BSU) Chapters on every campus
— Seek scholarships for students with Christian Education and Ministerial vocations
— Encourage the use of Baptist facilities, such as Shaw University and the J.J. Johnson Assembly, by GBSC Associations and Auxiliaries
— Encourage all Baptists wherever and whenever possible to pursue higher education
— Support the Unified Plan of Giving to All GBSC Objectives

A VOTE FOR RONALD L. SWAIN IS A VOTE FOR SERVICE
THANK YOU

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Vote Haywood T. Gray 4th Vice President, GBSC



Dear General Baptist Friends:

I am very pleased and proud to ask for your vote and your support in my bid to become the Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina during our upcoming Annual Session to be held in October at Raleigh. This brochure will detail my qualifications for service as well as my pledge to you for a faithful stewardship of the office if so elected.

Our Constitution indicates that "the Fourth Vice-President shall serve the Convention at the request of the President, and shall chair the Committee for the Central" Children's Home. I am prepared to commit four years to fulfill this constitutional mandate to (1) serve the Convention, (2) work with the elected President, and (3) chair the Committee for the Central Children's Home.

I have chosen to sum up my candidacy with this theme: "God's Purpose . . . My Mission." That simple statement speaks to what General Baptists in North Carolina have been about for 123 years. It also speaks to the rule by which I have ordered my life.

An ancient African proverb says "Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set alight." In my years of involvement with General Baptists, my life has been touched with the fires of compassion, and of service. I am asking for your vote in October that the abilities, energies and enthusiasm I have for General Baptist life may be set alight as Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

If elected
Fourth Vice President,

Haywood T. Gray

pledges to:

1) Work with the elected President, Officers, and Convention staff

2) Chair the Committee on Central Children's Home

3) Consult with the Director and Staff of CCH to promote the work of the Home

4) Labor with Convention Auxiliaries for the further development of youth ministries and activities across the State

5) Seek to promote dialogue and action among General Baptists addressing the serious problems facing African-American youth

6) Help to insure that the Convention remain accountable to General Baptists, true to our Constitution, and committed to God's Purpose

Bullock Offers Service



"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecc. 3:1.

The time to elect officers for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is rapidly approaching. We have a great convention which provides an excellent vehicle for enhancing the teaching of Christ and Christianity as a positive force in our state and nation. As I seek the office of second vice president, I, Charles T. Bullock, am committed to serving with other elected officials to make this a greater reality.

As fourth vice president of our Convention, I have been supportive and have helped to promote the work of the Convention throughout the state.

As second vice president, I will continue to work cooperatively with the president and other members of our Convention to advance the Kingdom of God as we address the needs of humanity. I commit to being responsive to the mandates of our Constitution by chairing the Committee on Foreign Missions, supporting the Lott Carey Baptist Missionary Convention, Inc., the Foreign Mission Bureau, CARE, CORE, and other foreign mission programs.

For a number of years, I have worked with and actively supported our Convention and its causes. Presently, I am a member of the General Board, where I served as assistant secretary for a brief period, a member of the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Time and Place Committee.

As a committed servant on the local level, I serve as a member of the Rocky Mount Board of Education, the Ministerial Conference, the Rocky Mount Red Cross, the Executive Board of the Neuse River Association, and as Pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church of Rocky Mount.

I solicit your prayers and support as together we petition God for His will to be done!

Charles T. Bullock, D.D., D.Min.
Candidate for Second Vice President

Elect Charles R. Tyner Sr. 2nd Vice President GBSC



I have been working as an Officer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. for the past two years. I served as 4th Vice President for two years, and for the last two years I served in the capacity of 3rd Vice President of the Convention. I am committed to carry out the mandates of the Convention, and the aspirations of the President. I am also committed to ALL the objectives and the Constitution of the GBSC; to all auxiliaries of the GBSC; and I am totally committed to assist the President with these objectives and any others that will bring about a more unified and stable Convention.

My new goals challenge the Convention to venture out and be a part of the following:

a) Evangelism
b) Better System with a Broader Program in State Missions
c) Commitment to a New Baptist Headquarters Building
d) Re-evaluate the General Baptist Foundation
e) Accountability (we **must** be accountable)

Additional information:

— Married and the father of two sons
— Attended public schools in Northampton County
— A.B. Degree received — Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
— M.A. Degree received — N.C. Central University, Durham, NC
— Experience in Education: Principal from 1980 to present
— Pastor, White Oak Baptist Church, Apex, NC, 1972 to present

I am soliciting the support of all Baptists in the State of North Carolina. If given the opportunity to serve, I know I can make a difference in what our Convention can do to assure that this Convention will continue to be strong and provide a firm foundation upon which our offsprings will feel compelled to uphold.

Vote — Charles R. Tyner, 2nd Vice President
General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.
"Justified By Faith And By Works"
Thank You.

Lennon Seeks Office



The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., is indeed an earthen vessel. A treasured filled vessel through which God's Purpose, God's Plan and God's Power have been realized, and through which God's Word is spread.

Realizing this, I seek now to deepen my commitment of service to this great body, by offering myself as a candidate for the office of Recording Secretary.

I am a native resident of Fairmont, North Carolina and received an elementary and high school education from Rosenwald High School in Fairmont. I attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC receiving the BA degree in English and the Master's degree in Library Science. I also attended the Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, NC, receiving the Master's degree in Divinity. While at Shaw, I was elected to three terms as President of the Student Government Association and served on the school's Board of Trustees.

I am a member of the First Baptist Church in Fairmont, (Dr. Joy Johnson, Pastor), where I was licensed to preach and ordained by the Lumber River Baptist Association. In First Baptist, my services are many and includes: duties as Associate Pastor, Usher board trainer, workshop presenter, teacher and missionary worker. In the Lumber River Baptist Association, services include: past Youth Director, member of the ministerial board and member of the Executive Board.

In the community, involvements include: Fairmont Branch NAACP, Robeson County Black Caucus, Order of Eastern Star, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Chapter president), and Executive Director of the Fairmont Community Youth Council.

I am married with three children. Presently, I am employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a Media Specialist.

I ask that pastors, ministers, messengers and the convention body support my candidacy for Recording Secretary with your prayers and your vote. If elected I pledge to continue my support and broaden my service, as I work harmoniously and effectively with officers and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS

From The President's Desk:



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

Shaw Professor Receives IBM/UNCF Faculty Fellowship

By Dr. Ronald Swain, VP

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, has announced that a faculty member in the division of Education and Humanities was chosen as the recipient of an IBM Faculty Fellowship Award Program grant for the 1990-91 academic year.

Professor Glenn Leshner of the department of radio and television will use the grant to work toward completion of his doctorate at Stanford University in California in the field of television theory and production.

Mr. Leshner earned his MMC (Masters of Mass Communications) degree from the University of South Carolina. He produced commercial and public radio and television programs there before moving to the Raleigh area where he has also been involved as a producer. Several of his programs received nationwide distribution. At Shaw University, he is professor of mass communications where he also is program and technical liaison for the Black College Satellite Network, of which Shaw's TV department is a member.



Pictured receiving IBM/UNCF faculty development award for 1990-1991 is Shaw Professor, Glenn Leshner, from President Talbert O. Shaw, of Shaw University. Mr. Leshner will complete doctoral work at Stanford University, CA.

Shaw University Begins 125th Year

The Shaw faculty and administration convened at the end of August the 125th year of continuous service to American higher education. Dr. Josephine D. Clement, vice-chairperson of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the group, assuring them that the trustees of the university would do all in its power to provide for their needs in providing a purposeful education.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of the University, gave the keynote address to start the year. "Looking at the previous year in retrospect," he said, "students, faculty and staff are to be congratulated for making it a successful year. Improvements on our buildings and grounds have become recognized by persons in the Raleigh community. And we are proud to see this positive image taking place.

"We have spent more than $900,000 during the past year on the physical plant and substantially more will be spent in the coming months and years. The demolition of the trailers along Smithfield Street is eminent — at long-last.

"Faculty and administraion have been extremely productive in the preparation and successful funding for new academic initiatives. Among these is the proposal developed by Dr. Joan D. Barrax, of the Education and Humanities Division, to establish a consortium of three institutions, headed by Shaw, and funded by the Ford Foundation through The Southern Education Foundation."

Dr. Shaw pointed out that enrollment at the university is continuing to increase, with more students enrolled this semester than in the previous five years — upwards of 1,700.

"Every sign," he said, "points to our dramatic recovery and our firm stabilization in fiscal management." Our administrative theme: 'Strides to Excellence: Why Not the Best?' becomes more a reality everyday."

Healthfully speaking . . .

You And Your Health Insurance

By Catherine McGibbony, RN
Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC



Catherine McGibbony, RN

As you are aware, Medicare does not pay all of a benefit recipient's medical expenses. Health care costs are a major item in everyone's budget, and health insurance is an important factor in meeting those costs. Therefore, it is important that you understand what portions of health care costs are covered by your insurance.

Approved charges — also known as allowable charge, Medicare eligible expenses or Medicare covered charge, this term applies to the specific dollar amount on which Medicare will base their payment for every conceivable medical procedure. Medicare will pay 80% of this "approved" amount.

Unfortunately, approved charges are currently averaging only 60-70% of the actual bill you get from your doctor. You and your insurance plan are responsible for the balance.

Some doctors and supplies use the assignment method. **The Assignment Method** is how the doctors or supplies receive payment directly from Medicare. When assignment is used, the doctor or supplies agree that his or her total charges for the covered services will be the charge approved by the Medicare carrier. Health care providers who do not accept assignment will bill you the full cost of services. The Medicare carrier (Equicor of NC) will determine the portion covered by Medicare Bond Mail a check for 80% of that amount, less any deductible to you. The bill for care usually will be greater than the Medicare insurance check your receive. You are out of pocket for the difference. Supplementary insurance can offset a portion of out-of-pocket expenses, but it is your responsibility to see that the doctor is fully paid.

Deductible. This is the dollar amount which you will have to pay before either Medicare or your insurance plan will begin paying their benefits. Your Medicare Part A deductible is $560.00 per year. Your Medicare Part B deductible is $75.00 of approved charges each calendar year. Some Medicare supplements require an additional $125.00 deductible, totally $200.00 of approved charges before they will begin paying their Part B benefits.

Medicare Aid. A new program which helps low income Medicare beneficiaries. Beginning in January 1989, people whose income falls at or below 80% of the federal poverty guideline and who have less than allowed asset reserves may qualify for Medicare Aid through their local Department of Social Service. For persons who qualify, Medicaid money will be used to pay for Medicare deductible, co-payment and premiums.

Reference: Seniors Health Insurance Information Program, North Carolina Department of Insurance.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Saint John Baptist Church II

By W.P. Lackey, Silas Harris, Linda Lackey and Gilbert Hamilton



Dr. John D. McDonald Sr.
Pastor, St. John #2

The members of St. John Baptist Church II finally have a home. On Easter Sunday 1990, only three months after construction began, the pastor and members entered the new edifice on 1043 Sowers St. in Statesville, NC. The story of this church and its members is a testimony to the goodness of God and the realness of His Word.

On June 18, 1988, the members of St. John Baptist Church, 1438 Church St., Statesville, NC, called Dr. John D. McDonald Sr. as pastor. Due to internal problems, a volatile situation came into existence. This caused the congregation to divide into two groups.

On December 11, 1988, a number of members met in the Davis & Mangham Funeral Home to conduct services under the leadership of Dr. McDonald. These members are now known as St. John Baptist Church II.

From the beginning, God's plan for His people was for them to prosper. Under the leadership of Dr. McDonald, the direction of God, and the followship of the members, an impact has been made in Statesville. Many persons have given their life to Christ. Many more have become concerned about the Word and are seeking the truth.

Since its beginning in December 1988, the church is prospering. The church has over ten acres of land and the first phase of building is complete. Office equipment, transportation and land, are just a few of the blessings from God. A place of worship where the preaching and teaching of God's Word can take place is the greatest bless thus far.

The church is a tithing church and did not finance any of the building projects using such methods as raffles, bake sales, yard sales or rallies.

The first church meeting was held at Davis & Mangham Funeral Home. Within one week services were moved to a sparsely used church building. Within one month's time, we outgrew the facilities and began sharing church space at the Interfaith Deliverance Center. An increase in payments for the use of Interfaith to $650 per month were offset by the growth in membership and the dedication of the members that paid tithes.

Land for our present site was obtained in May 1989. The land was cleared and construction was slated to start. We faced many obstacles, but with the help of God, our pastor and deacons worked faithfully so that ground-breaking services could be held before the end of the year. One year and one week to the day that St. John II came into existence, ground-breaking services were conducted at 1043 Sowers St. To God be the Glory! The members and friends of the church worked many long and hard hours to see the start of God's complex take shape.

Before the present building was completed, the church found itself returning to the site where it was first established, Davis and Mangham Funeral Home. We did not return to speak death to our church, we returned to give life to the cause of Christ. We brought life to the funeral home. The entire time that we were without a church building, we did not have one trip to the graveyard due to death in our immediate church family. All of the members that started on the journey, by the grace of God, were allowed to witness and be a part of the "going home service" on Easter Sunday morning.

On May 16, one month after entering this edifice, pre-dedication services began. Dr. McDonald delivered the message on the first night of services. Rev. Clement Morris and the Providence Baptist Church of Lincolnton, NC, conducted services on the following night. Rev. C.B. Mingo and the Clark Chapel Baptist Church, Statesville, NC concluded the week of services.

The Word of God rings out loud and clear in Statesville and throughout the county; to the believer and non-believer alike, through God all things are possible. Faith in God, divine leadership and dedicated followship has brought us thus far and grace will lead us on. This is only the beginning. With God's help, phase two of our building plan will begin soon. The second phase includes a fellowship hall, classrooms and the church parsonage.



Saint John Baptist Church #2

To God be the Glory!

He didn't move us out of the city or out of town . . .he just changed our address. We the members of Saint John #2, thank God for our leader Dr. John D. McDonald Sr., our first lady Mrs. Barbara McDonald, and John Jr.

Dr. Jinwright Announces Evangelism Institute



Dr. A.L. Jinwright

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. sponsors an Evangelism Institute featuring conference lecturer Dr. Benjamin S. Baker, New Light Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, and conference preacher Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. December 10-12, 1990 at White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Lorenzo Lynch is Host Pastor.

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A. L. Jinwright, Evangelism Chairperson
Ricky Woods, Institute Coordinator

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Shady Grove Baptist Church Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary

Submitted by: Rev. John G. Gaston, Pastor, Jewell Witherspoon Holland, Chairperson Centennial Committee, Joyce M. Sims, Chairperson, Centennial Yearbook.

Members of the Committee: Mary K. Bailey, Sheila Brown, Suzette Davis, Pauline Hill, Mary Holman, Cleveland Jimmerson, Naomi Jones, Sarah Jones, Theola Shelton, Patricia Stout, Alice Suber, Elsie Griffin-Tillman.



Organized in 1890, Shady Grove Baptist Church in East Spencer, North Carolina celebrates its Centennial Year — 100 years of Christian Service. Our theme is "Reflecting On The Past — Reaching Toward the Future."

Rev. Frank Lee served as the church's first minister when organized in 1890. Ministers who followed after his tenure were the Reverends Wise Hairston, J.H. Martin, J.W. Hairston, J.S. Daniel, W.W. Roberts, J.C. Melton and E.W. Jarrett. Our present minister, the Rev. John G. Gaston has completed 35 years of service to Shady Grove and the surrounding communities.

Rev. Gaston's family includes his wife, the former Carrie Leach of Shelby, N.C., two daughters, Avia Marie Cannady of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Mitzi G. Sturdivant of Salisbury, N.C. Seven grandchildren and two sons-in-law, Norris Cannady and Vick Sturdivant.

A Centennial Committee was organized to plan memorable activities to include members, friends and the community.

To begin the Centennial Celebration a banquet was held at Holiday Inn in Salisbury, N.C. on Saturday, February 24, 1990. This was a grand and enjoyable affair. Sarah Jowers Jones served as Mistress of Ceremony and did an outstanding job in this capacity. Dressed in tuxedos, the procession was led by Clarence "Pete" Jones and Joe Ellison who served as marshalls. Next was Pastor Gaston and his daughter Mitzi Sturdivant. (Mrs. Gaston was on the rostrum already seated due to a recent illness.) The procession continued with Rev. and Mrs. David Durham (guest speaker); Jewell Holland, Centennial Chairperson and son Derwin (Toby) Holland; Deacons & Deaconesses; and "sons" (ministers) of the church; elected town officials and local ministers. Several church members served as hostesses and hosts.

Rev. Durham, a native of East Spencer, N.C. and a former member of Shady Grove, gave an inspiring and spiritual message to a capacity audience in the Jackson Steele Rooms at the Salisbury Holiday Inn. Rev. Durham presently pastors at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

The following Sunday morning, February 25, 1990, worship service continued with Rev. John Gaston presiding and the Rev. David Durham delivering the morning message. He was accompanied by his Men's Chorus, pianists and church members who motored down from Washington, D.C. in cars and a chartered bus. After service, a fellowship/dinner was enjoyed.

Several local churches joined us in the morning worship service including the Men's Chorus from Southmont Baptist Church, Southmont, NC.

All programs and activities during this year are and will be Centennial oriented, presenting historical facts, making observations of progress and praising our Savior for 100 years of existence.

Souvenirs to remember this year have included pencils, matches, book markers and most impressive of all a "History Book" (hardback annual).

This History Book is a beautiful red book with gold etching the outline of the church building. The book includes the history of the church, a message from the Pastor, pictures of church organizations, families, memorials and advertisements. This book was presented and dedicated on Children's Day, June 10, 1990 in a special program. An impressive dedication led by Mary Kelly Bailey was attended well by many. The Centennial Committee worked diligently and with love to complete this History Book chaired by Joyce Moser Sims.

Each Sunday, excluding first Sundays, fresh flowers are placed on the altar in the church in memory of loved ones living and/or deceased.

On Sunday, September 16, 1990 during "Homecoming," Rev. Gaston and the Centennial Committee spear headed a service with 19th century emphasis in dress, order of service and a physical atmosphere — a display of old farm and home artifacts, machinery, etc. An afternoon shared meal was planned for the church ground.

We anticipate placing a float in the Salisbury Holiday Christmas Parade with Centennial emphasis.

The last two activities are planned for early 1991, they are (1) to bury a capsule containing articles related to the church, the Centennial celebration, and the present time opening approximately fifty years hence, (2) to put the history of the church on microfilm at the University in Winston Salem, NC.

Shady Grove is proud of the rich history it possesses, but it is our belief and we pray that the Church has and will continue to be a spiritual uplift to all; and that in doing the works of the church we shall always glorify God and serve humanity.

We at Shady Grove are thankful to have witnessed this celebration during the centennial year.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped to make this a memorable occasion.

Prayer Band

By Rev. John Lee

On Tuesday, August 28, the community prayer band of Union Chapel Baptist Church of Butner, N.C., celebrated their first anniversary with an estimated 100 people in attendance. The Rev. John Lee, Associate Minister of Union Chapel and prayer band leader, was master of ceremonies. Guest minister, Rev. Leroy Davis, of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of Durham, spoke on the topic, "When You Pray." Other pulpit guests included Rev. John Everett, Associate Minister of First Ledge Rock Baptist Church, Durham; Rev. Herman Royster, Associate Minister of Synama Grove Baptist, Oxford; Rev. Sis Pebbles Lindsay, Associate Minister of Mt. Gilead; and Dr. Mack Timberlake Sr., Pastor of Oak Grove and Olive Grove Baptist Churches, Oxford. Music was provided by Norman Hutchenson and Mrs. Elizabeth Zachery, organists, and Deacon Fleming Landis, soloist, who rendered several soul-stirring and spiritually-arousing songs.

The celebration began at 7:30 with a praise service featuring many inspirational songs and testimonies. At 8:00 Sis. Betty Leak, of Union Chapel, gave the welcome address, to which Carolyn Tabourn of Ilong Baptist Church, responded. Later carnations were pinned on members of the prayer band. Representatives of many area churches responded to the roll call of churches. After the offering, message and remarks by pulpit guests, dinner was served in the church fellowship hall. The Union Chapel community prayer band is grateful to all who attended and helped to make their anniversary celebration a success.

The pastor of Union Chapel Baptist Church is the Rev. Harold Trice.



Rev. Leroy Davis and Rev. John Lee

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Rev. Claude R. Alexander Jr. Called To University Park

By Terry Thomas, Associate Editor



Rev. Claude Alexander Jr.

The Rev. Claude R. Alexander Jr. accepted the call to the pastorate of the University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC on June 24, 1990.

Alexander, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, graduated from Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1985. A recipient of the Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship, he attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where he received the Master of Divinity Degree in 1988.

Rev. Alexander stated that he is "deeply moved and humbled by the call that has been extended to him, and is touched by the church's faith in God's ability to use him in the fulfillment of His purpose." He is ready for the challenge of the task ahead.

Rev. Alexander is the former pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church in West Mifflin, PA. He is known for his work in the urban areas of Pittsburgh. He will definitely be an asset to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

University Park Baptist Church is a church in the inner-city that has evangelism as its focus. Under the leadership of Rev. Claude Alexander Jr., the church looks to move forward and upward for the cause of Christ.

The church was organized in 1913 in the First Ward section of Charlotte, NC as the Guilfield Missionary Baptist Church. After urban renewal as well as a fire in 1959, the church moved in 1960 to a community known as University Park, just north of Johnson C. Smith University, where it is now located. The church will soon be celebrating its 78th year of service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rev. David L. Massey Called To Historic Church

Submitted by Shirley B. Baucom, Publicity Chairman

Members of Elizabeth Street Baptist Church, Monroe, N.C., recently elected Rev. David L. Massey as pastor. Installation services will be held the fifth Sunday in September, 1990.

Elizabeth Baptist, one of the oldest churches in Monroe, was begun by a small group of devoted and baptized believers in Christ, in the year of our Lord, 188e. Rev. Joseph Ratcliff was the farsighted leader who saw the need for a Baptist Church in Monroe. In the year 1928, under the leadership of Rev. W.H. Inman, the present structure was built. After the demise of Rev. Inman in 1934, Elizabeth was pastored by a long list of strong, dedicated and inspiring ministers. Elizabeth was last pastored by the late Dr. J.H. Ferguson.

Prior to accepting the call to Elizabeth, Rev. Massey pastored the Penn Avenue Baptist Church in Oxford, N.C. He attended Chatham County School System and graduated in 1975 from the Northwood High School near Pittsboro, N.C. Post high school studies include Shaw University where he graduated with a B.A. Degree in Psychology, with further studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Duke University, Durham, N.C.

He is married to the former Miss Wendy Gunter of Moncure, N.C., and they have one son, Justin, and one daughter, Leah.

Members of the search committee visited several churches and interviewed several ministers. Rev. Massey just seemed to be what Elizabeth needed. The church needed a strong man of God willing to give time and effort to a congregation wanting and needing a shepherd.

Rev. Massey believes Elizabeth can offer a strong ministry to the neighborhood that includes low-income housing. His strong point is the family. He believes that strong families make strong churches.

Rev. Massey attributes all his accomplishments to the power and grace of God.

He was most recently nominated to be listed in the 1989 edition of "The Outstanding Young Men of America," because of his numerous accomplishments and his involvement in the community.

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HARVEY GANTT FOR UNITED STATES SENATE PLEDGE

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* starting or helping a voter registration drive in my church to make sure that we have 100% registration in my church,
* making sure that each member of every group or organization I participate in is registered to vote,
* getting at least 10 of my friends to register to vote, and
* working with a voter registration drive in my community.

I will work in the 1 to 100 effort in my community by calling the Gantt Campaign Headquarters and volunteering to phone 100 voters to make sure they vote on November 6.

I will help with Fundraising by:

* making my personal contribution of as much as I can afford,
* collecting at least $1.00 from at least 10 people,
* asking my minister or church officers to take up a collection for the Gantt Campaign no later than September 30, and
* contributing my personal funds and the money I collect through my church or directly to the Gantt Campaign no later than September 30.

I will help Get Out The Vote by taking November 6 off from work to volunteer to drive or go door-to-door or by helping after I get off from work to get as many voters as I can to the polls.

I will be an ambassador for Harvey Gantt by encouraging my friends, neighbors, relatives and any voters I can to vote for Harvey Gantt on November 6.

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Dr. W.B. Lewis

Theme: "A Continuation of Unity, Strength & Progress"

W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmpolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina and Vice President at-large, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated announces that he is a candidate seeking the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated October 31, 1990.

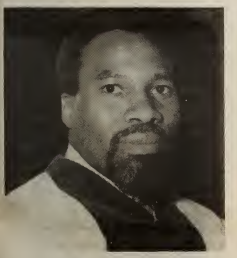
Statesville, NC — The Reverend Dr. J.C. Harris, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville, North Carolina, announces his candidacy for President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Theme: "Kingdom Building Through Mission and Ministry"



Dr. J.C. Harris

Vice President-At-Large



Dr. Clifford A. Jones

I am serving as Moderator of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association and Moderator of Moderators of the General Baptist State Convention; I have served churches in the Deep River, Western Union and United Shiloh Associations, and was ordained by the Mud Creek Association. I have served as Recording Secretary for the General Baptist State Convention. Presently, I am serving on the General Board, as Vice-President of the Executive Committee and other local and state committees. I also serve as 2nd Vice-President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

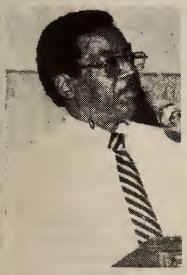
WINSTON-SALEM — Rev. John Mendez is a native of New York City, where he received his primary education. He is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He received his Master's of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Rev. Mendez is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is married to the former Ms. Sarah Howard, and they have two children, Sekou 11, and Jamilla 8.



Rev. John Mendez

First Vice President



Dr. B.F. Daniels

WINSTON-SALEM — I would like to officially announce my candidacy for the office of First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

The First Vice President of the GBSC chairs the Committee for the Department of Home Missions. For many years I served the Piedmont area as a Mission Denominational Representative. I am the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC. I now serve the Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. I am married to Mrs. Bronnie Daniels.

I, Joseph Z. Windley, a native of Conway, (Horry County), South Carolina, have been an active born again member of First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C. — a member of this Convention — for twenty-seven years.

I am presently serving as Second Vice President and Chair of the Committee for the Department of Foreign Mission.

My educational experience: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Morris College, Sumter, S.C.; Masters in Psychology Counseling and Guidance, University of Northern Colorado; Master of Divinity, Magna Cum Lauda, and Doctor of Divinity, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C. Further studies at UNC-Wilmington, N.C.; University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland; Metro State University, Denver, Colorado; University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.



Dr. J.Z. Windley

Worship Together

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Second Vice President



Dr. Charles Tyner

I have been working as an Officer of the GBSC for the past four years. I served as 4th Vice President for 2 years and for the past 2 years, I have served in the capacity of 3rd Vice President of the GBSC.

— Past Moderator — New Hope Association

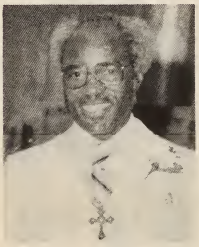
— Pastor, White Oak Baptist Church — 1972 to Present

I, Charles T. Bullock, officially announce my candidacy for the position of second vice president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. I presently serve as fourth vice president of the convention and pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.



Dr. Charles Bullock

Third Vice President



Dr. G.A. Jones Sr.

Dr. Jones yields several positions in the General Baptist State Convention, such as: Recording Secretary, Executive and General Board Member and Secretary of the Place Committee. He is presently serving as Clerk of the Wake Baptist Association, where he has also served as Moderator and Correspondent Secretary.

Dr. Jones serves on the committee of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. of Christian Education.

Dr. Jones pastorate affiliation is with Juniper Level Baptist Church for 35 years and Malabys Crossroad Baptist Church for 34 years. He is an evangelist, a prophet and a preacher in his own right.

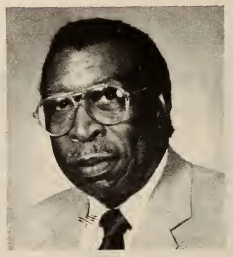
After being licensed and ordained under the late Dr. Charles W. Ward at the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, I have served in the following capacities: University Minister and Director of Church Relations at Shaw University; Associate Pastor of the Sandy Folk Baptist Church in Wilson County; Pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Bern; Interim Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fayetteville; and Pastor of the Shady Hill Baptist Church in Roxboro.



Dr. Ronald L. Swain

I am an Ordained Minister and presently serving the Pastorate of Cumbo Chapel Baptist Church, Rich Square, N.C. I am the Past Moderator of the Northampton Association and I am an active member of the Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church, Ahoskie, N.C.

I am married to the former Estella Jenkins and we have three sons: Daries L. Morris Jr., Robert Earl and William T., two daughters-in-law, Lillian and Prenora, and four grandchildren: Keevin, Kenya, Kedria and Kay Morris.



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Fourth Vice President

I offer my expertise and commitment to a team that will be fully dedicated to spiritually and innovatively continuing to move our convention forward.

Recently retired from public education as a school principal, Rev Dr. Davis recently accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Paul Baptist Church, Gastonia. He is married to the former Mildred Thompson of Lumberton, N.C.



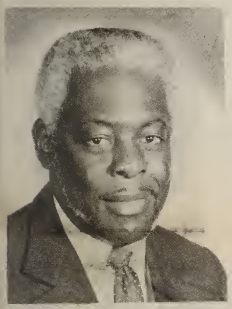
Dr. Howard Davis

I was called into the Gospel Ministry. In January 1965, I was licensed to preach by my membership church, First Baptist Church in Fairmont and was ordained in the same year.

Past pastorships are as follows: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in St. Pauls, North Carolina and Antioch Baptist Church in Proctorville, North Carolina. At present, I am the pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Aberdeen, North Carolina, Vice Moderator, Chairman of the Ordination Advisory Council, and President of the Ministerial Fellowship Conference of the Pee Dee Association.



Rev. Jimmy L. Gilchrist



Dr. O.T. Tomes

Reverend Tomes is the Pastor of the New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C. Reverend Tomes has been an active pastor in the GBSC for many years and has a long time commitment to Missions and Kingdom Building.

Haywood T. Gray was born in Southampton County, Virginia. He has been involved in the Christian preaching ministry for half of his life. He has served as Pastor of the 425-member Shady Grove Baptist Church since 1980.

His Baptist involvement is well-known and extensive. He is Vice-Moderator of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. He sits on the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. He is a Director of the General Baptist Foundation. He served a three-year term as a Trustee of Shaw Divinity School.



Rev. Haywood T. Gray

My pastoral experiences are as follows: First Baptist Church, Southport; Island Creek Baptist Church, Rocky Point; St. John Baptist Church, Bolivia; and I am currently serving the Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell.

I serve as Director of Church Relations and Alumni Affairs, Shaw Divinity School. I am at present a member of the faculty, teaching Homiletics (Preaching) and Baptist History, Polity and Doctrine.

I also serve as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Correction for the State of North Carolina.



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The Honorable
Rev. Sidney A. Locks

From January 1975 to December 1989, I was most blessed to have been chosen to be a constituent pastor of this Convention as the proud pastor of Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Lumberton. During that tenure, I served with you as a member of the General Board and Executive Committee and several other committees.

When duty called me to extend my ministry as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly.

As of December 1989, we responded to the call as Senior Pastor of the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina.

-Recording Secretary-



Dr. John H. Grant

I have served as pastor of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina. Presently I serve as pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

I have served in the following capacities of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association: Recording Secretary, Vice Moderator and Budget Director, Executive Board and Board of Trustees.

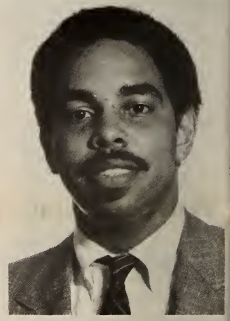
Historian



Rev. R.L. Davis

I am pastor of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Raeford, North Carolina.

I was born in Franklin County where I received my elementary and secondary education. I hold both a Bachelor and Master's degrees. I received my Bachelor's from Shaw University and my Master's from Appalachian State University.



Rev. Gregory Keith Moss

I am pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord, N.C. I have served the GBSC in several official positions and I worked for many years during the summer months at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

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President Humphrey, Vice President at Large Dr. W.B. Lewis, all other Presidents, Executive Secretary Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. P.A. Brodie, Reverend Logan, all other Secretaries, members of the Executive and General Boards, to all of our brothers and sisters of our convention. The Prison Ministry Committee feels that it has been blessed to serve our convention another year.

In our eye sight another glorious year has gone down in the pages of our history. We do hope that our work has enhanced the leadership of the convention to a broader mission of leadership. We wish to say also, thank you for allowing us to serve.

One of the highlights of our convention will be the Prison Ministry Breakfast Workshop. The Breakfast Workshop will be at the Radisson Plaza Hotel downtown Raleigh, N.C., Wednesday, October 30, at 7 a.m.

During the program special recognition will be given to all persons who serve as area coordinators of the convention: Raleigh Area — Chaplain Marilyn Gasswint, Durham Area — Chaplain Henry Edmonds, Northampton-Halifax Areas — Chaplain John Smith, Henderson-Louisburg Areas — Reverend John McKnight, Goldsboro Area — Mrs. Daisy C. Coley, Greensboro Area — Reverend A.O. Walker and Reverend Walter Richmond, Columbus-Robeson-Balden Areas — Reverend Cleophus Wright Jr. Reverend Fullwood will give certificates of appreciations to all persons who have given dedicated service to the work of Prison Ministry in the convention. We will also have special singing by the Triangle Correctional Center Hope of Freedom Chorus, and the Wake Correction Center Freedom of Hope Singers. There will be a panel discussion by inmates on what the church means to them. We are asking all members of the convention to please make a special effort



Rev. John Prince

to support our Prison Ministry Workshop Breakfast, and to help us in making our work a success. Thank all of you for allowing us to serve you.

Annual Ushers' Workshop

By Felton B. Davis, President

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Thank you for the support you have given the convention in the past. Your continued support is needed in order that our North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention will continue to grow strong and be what God would have us to be.

The Annual Ushers' Workshop will be held at J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, North Carolina on November 10, 1990 at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is five dollars ($5.00).

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1990

1 Usher's Planning Meeting, Raleigh, NC
2 Bible Sunday
8 Laymen's Study Commission and Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mt. Vernon Baptist Creedmoor, NC
10-12 Evangelism Institute White Rock, Durham, NC
15 Shaw Divinity School Final Exams for Fall Semester
23 CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
25 CHRISTMAS DAY
31 NEW YEARS EVE
31 WATCH NIGHT

JANUARY 1991

1 New Year's Day
11 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Banquet Raleigh, NC
12 Woman's State Convention Mid-Year Session, Civic Center Raleigh, N.C.
15 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: HOLIDAY
20 Shaw Divinity School Orientation Assembly, Raleigh, NC
22-26 National Baptist Mid-Year
22-26 Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year
26 Christian Education Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC
26 Johnson Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC

W.B. Lewis Elected President
Leads GBSC Into Last Decade of the 20th Century



PICTURED ABOVE THE PRESIDENTIAL FIRST FAMILY — (L to R: Liteta Lewis Croom, daughter; Mrs. Lillie H. Lewis; Doniel Croom, son-in-law; Dr. W.B. Lewis; Wilheminia Jeannetta Lewis, daughter.)

The 123rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention on North Carolina, Inc., and the 41st session of the State Laymen's League Convention met October 28-November 1, 1990 at the Raleigh North Carolina Civic Center. Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., Dr. Leotha Debnam, Pastor and the churches of the Wake and Johnston District Associations were host. The theme was: "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship" John 4:34-35.

The Annual Session began with a welcome program Monday night October 29, 1990, presided over by host Pastor Debnam and Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the GBSC. The program featured local greetings and a dynamic sermon by Reverend Alfred Dudley.

The welcome program was followed by a spirited evangelism service. The latenight services were opened with a lecture by the Reverend Charles Pettiford, Pastor of Rogers Grove Baptist Church, Durham. Reverend Pettiford was accompanied by his choir and congregation. The latenight sermon was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Charles Mosley, Pastor, Nazareth First Baptist Church, Asheville. Dr. Mosley electrified the congregation with his dynamic message.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, President of the GBSC and Pastor of First Baptist Church West, Charlotte, N.C., opened the historic 123rd Session Tuesday afternoon, October 30th, 1990 by calling the session to order. Reverend R.E. Blount and Reverend F.R. Peterson lead the devotional session.

The theme discussion, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship — Talents," was given by Dr. Andre Carr.

Following the theme discussion, the Reverend Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, Senior Pastor, of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, New York City lead the Pastor's and Moderator's Workshop. Dr. Walker's theme was "Stewardship." He emphasized the need of all churches to implement a program of Christian Stewardship grounded in one giving not only the tithe, but also their temple, time, and talents to God.

Dr. Walker indicated that salvation is tied to stewardship. He suggested several ways to institute tithing in the worship experience.

Tuesday night featured Dr. T.J. Jemison, President of the National Baptist Convention of U.S.A., Inc. and pastor of the historic Mount Zion First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Jemison was accompanied by National Baptist Executive Secretary Dr. W. Franklin Richardson of Mount Vernon, New York.

President Jemison held the officers and messengers spell bound as he talked about the ministry of the National Baptist Convention and its new Baptist World Center. Dr. Jemison challenged all General Baptist to become "Baptist Builders" and pledge $10.00 per month toward the National Baptist convention building fund. Dr. Jemison's message was "Victory in Jesus." He brought the over 1,000 messengers to their feet with his message.

Following the service the Nominating Committee made their report in preparation for the election of officers for the GBSC. In a noble show of Convention unity the Reverend Dr. J.C. Harris, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C. and Presidential candidate withdrew and threw his support behind Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor, First Cosmopolitan and Presidential candidate. For the first time in many years the new GBSC President ran unopposed.

The latenight Evangelism services completed a spirit-filled day. The Reverend Dr. J. Gentile Everett, Pastor of the Elevation Baptist Church Raleigh, N.C. gave an outstanding lecture on "Today is the Day of Salvation." Dr. Everett was accompanied by his excellent choir and congregation. The latenight sermon was delivered by the Reverend Dr. E. Turner, Past President of the GBSC and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton. Dr. Turner one of the nation's greatest preachers gave one of the most powerful sermons ever delivered in the GBSC. Several members from his church shared in the worship experience.

The Wednesday morning session was preceded by the Prison Ministry Breakfast, sponsored by the Prison Ministry Committee, which is chaired by the Reverend John Prince, a member of

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. C.C. Craig

Dear moderators, pastors, Presidents of District Conventions and Unions and members of the Baptist Family:

Many thanks to you who played a vital role in making our recent annual session a big success. Many thanks to you for selecting dedicated conventional leaders who will lead our Convention for the next four years. I am sure that the persons you have selected will provide the leadership and I am equally sure that you will provide the followship. With leadership and followship, we can move forward in a progressive way in order to accomplish the goals and objectives of our Convention.

We salute our new elected leaders and pledge to them our full support and cooperation. President, Dr. W.B. Lewis; Vice President at Large, Dr. Clifford A. Jones; First Vice President, Dr. J.Z. Windley; Second Vice President, Dr. Charles Bullock; Third Vice President, Dr. G.A. Jones, Sr.; Fourth Vice President, Rev. Haywood T. Gray; Recording Secretary, Dr. John H. Grant; Assisting Recording Secretary, Rev. Clement E. Morris, Jr.; Historian, Rev. G.K. Moss, Sr.; Statician, Dr. Charles C. Alston; Parliamentarian, Dr. Sidney A. Locks; Chorister/Musician, Mr. Waverly Camp; Assistant Dr. Wesley Grant; Soloist, Mrs. Georgia Guest.

Many thanks to Reverend Debnam, the moderators; Reverend Todd and Reverend Penny of the Wake and Johnston District Associations, who served as our host for their dedicated support and cooperation in providing all the needs for our recent annual session.

Our financial contributions for the annual session amounted to more than ninety five thousand dollars ($95,000.00) for the objectives and other causes.

Our financial contributions for the fiscal year 1989-90 amounted to $2,330,681.62. My personal thanks go out to everyone of you for making our financial goal a reality. As we continue to move in the fiscal year 1990-91 with the fires of a Holy urge burning full and bright, our challenge financially for the objectives and other causes is: $2,408,985.00. We solicit your full support and cooperation as we seek to accomplish this financial goal. Suggested quotas for your church/churches will be sent to you from the Baptist Headquarters within the next few days. We urge you to send a monthly contribution for State Missions and for the other objectives. Many thanks to you for what you have done and for what I know you will do as a result of your commitment to the Lord's work.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet

We would like for you to make plans now to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet which will be held at the W. Kerr Scott Building on the State Fairgrounds, gate #11, 1025 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 11, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.

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1. GIVE-WILLINGLY

"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willingly of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints" (2 Cor. 8:3-

2. GIVE-SACRIFICIALLY

"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:43-44).

3. GIVE-PURPOSEFULLY

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19-8).

4. GIVE-INCREASINGLY

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

5. GIVE-LIBERALLY

"Moreover, brethern, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

6. GIVE-FAITHFULLY

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. . .Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. . ." (1 Cor. 4:2, 16:2).

7. GIVE-COMPASSIONATELY

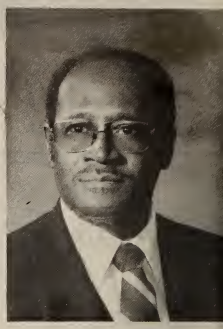
"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17).

7. GIVE-GLADLY

"Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver? (2 Cor. 9:7).

Apology

To those of you who had tickets and were unable to be seated and fed at the President's Banquet, I would like for you to accept my apology. In the process of being involved in so many things at the last minute, my staff did not keep up with the tickets sold. I trust that this will never happen again.



Dr. C.C. Craig

Below Churches That Met Their 1989-1990 Quotas

Church	Location	Pastor
ALEXANDER UNION,	ALFRED	YOUNG, Moderator
BEAR CREEK,	W. C.	HORTON, Moderator
ATKINSON,	GOLDSBORO,	ISAAC JOHNSON
FIRST,	KINSTON,	W. K. RAYNOR
ST. DELIGHT,	WALSTONBURG,	
BRUNSWICK-WACCAMAW,	THURMAN L.	CHESTNUTT, Moderator
MILL BRANCH,	WHITEVILLE,	W. D. FRINK
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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By
Dr. W.B. Lewis

DR. W.B. LEWIS, PRESIDENT
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

"Thank You For Your Confidence"



First I want to thank God for allowing me this opportunity to serve the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., at such a time as this. It is only by the GRACE of GOD that I have reached such a spiritual plateau.

I want to thank my many supporters, campaign workers, members, friends and my family for the trust and confidence you have placed in me as President of our great Convention. I especially want to say to Dr. J.C. Harris, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C., that I greatly appreciated his noble show of unity and fellowship in his withdrawal statement as a Presidential candidate.

It is ironic that during the Thanksgiving season God has blessed my ministry so much. We find in Psalm 107:1 the psalmist giving thanks to God: "Oh give thanks to the Lord!" As General Baptists we have so much to be thankful for, God has blessed our Convention from its beginning in 1867 at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., until today; often my soul looks back and wonders how we have come so far by faith leaning on the Lord.

As President of the General Baptist State Convention I pledge to serve to the best of my ability, I have served the Convention for many years and my past experience has prepared me to continue the vision that God has placed before us as Christian witnesses.

As I indicated during my campaign I stand open to your suggestions, input, and participation. I want those of you that have been involved with the work of the GBSC to intensify your participation and those that have not been active to get involved with our work. We have the leading State African-American Baptist Convention in the country, there is much "Kingdom Building" to be done.

My Presidential administration is grounded in love, accessibility, fairness, openness and accountability. Our Convention objectives: State Mission, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Central Children's Home, and Foreign Mission need additional support and financial commitment. Our Auxiliaries: The Woman's Convention, the Ushers, the Laymen's League, the Minister's Council and the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly need consistent support and encouragement. I believe that our General Baptist Foundation, Incorporated can become a model for Baptists around the country.

Please join with me, as we move into the last decade of the 20th Century, in mission and ministry for the Kingdom of God. Our work cannot be successful without a unified fellowship of spiritual love for the cause of Christ Jesus.

Feel free to write or call me with your suggestions, comments, or willingness to serve on the many Committees of the GBSC, we need volunteers and workers. I can be reached at:

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Finally and foremost I need your prayers. Without God we cannot be successful. Serving as your President is a difficult and demanding task but through the power of prayer God will lead and guide me. THANK YOU ALL so very much for giving me an opportunity to serve.

Below is an outstanding article by the Reverend Dr. J.E. Arnette, Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., that places in clear perspective an agenda for the future of the Black Church. As President of the GBSC I recommend these suggestions to you. They closely follow my Convention theme which will be: "THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH."

"The Black Church Facing The Future"

By Dr. J.E. Arnette, Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church

During the last several months there have been repeated projections relative to the approaching twenty-first century. Many institutions, professional groups, governmental agencies, etc., have outlined possible programs that will be needed if their agency or institution is to survive and have influence. Many church related media have projected possible courses the church must follow to be a viable influence in the future. Many say that the survival of the church is at risk.

The Black church historically has been one of the prime positive influences in the Black community in America. This may or may not be the case now. Under current circumstances in America, what are some directions for the Black Church in order to be a positive influence? What are some considerations for the Black Church to be a viable, saving influence to its constituency in the twenty-first century?

With the rise of the Black Awareness during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's and the subsequent development of Black Theology, there is a good deal of misunderstanding within the Black churches. This, in part, is the result of misunderstanding terms, concepts and roles by many persons within the churches. We have failed to adequately differentiate Black Theology in praxis and Black Theology as an academic discipline as taught in Theological Seminaries. We have not seen Black Theology as both a reflection of God out of the condition and culture of Black folk and as an academic discipline as expressed by Cone, Roberts, Wilmore, and many others. Therefore many persons in our churches see the entire movement as a fad to be avoided.

Fundamental to our future as the Black Church is understanding who we are and whose we are. In order to attain that understanding we need both emphasis; the Black religious experience and the extensive, adequate, interpretation of that experience in the light of the Biblical witness.

There are a few suggestions that I would offer the Black Church in facing the twenty-first century.

I. That we see ourselves as the People of God who are a part of the People of God on Planet Earth. To use the analogy of Paul, we are "The Body of Christ" with many members; each member of the body having her or his unique gift and all gifts given by the same Spirit. With such an understanding of who we are and whose we are we can see that the church and the gospel that created and sustains it can be adapted to any ethnic or cultural idiom.

II. That we avoid the snare of our oppressors of believing that our own religious experience is the only authentic one. Too many Black churches operate under the illusion that their worship, liturgy, music, etc., is the only authentic responses to the love of God manifest in Jesus Christ. There is no more need to waste time and energy criticizing them for loving gospel songs with a "beat." The authenticity of worship centers in experiencing the Divine rather than how it is done. We rightly rebelled when people of a different culture described our worship as "primitive" and meaningless. Now that we have asserted our own authenticity, lets not attempt to define others who are different.

III. That We Strive to Overcome Our Anti-Education Bias.

There is no need to fear scholarship, Biblical or otherwise. There is no need for us as the People of God to feel that we have to "dig in" and protect the Bible from scholastic investigation. Whatever and however one believes about the Bible is of little use if it does not lead to Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

There is no need to see Seminary Education as a hinderance to faith. If the more you learn doesn't whet your appetite for even more, perhaps your mind is so closed that the wind of the Holy Spirit cannot blow through with God's new revelations. Still, the loudest chorus of "Amens" one can hear in the Black Church is when education is being degraded. I recently heard a leading pastor refer to the Seminary as "cemetery." If the Seminary can kill one's faith, it ought to die.

IV. That we Recognize the Unique Contribution of Each Congregation.

There is a clamor among Black Church Persons for sameness. The Church is the Body of Christ with many members. Each member has her/his unique gift according to the grace of God bestowed upon her/him. Each member must seek to discover, develop, engage her/his gift, likewise, a local congregation. There is no need for a church across town, or across the street, to be critical of another because it engages different ministries. Each congregation must strive to perceive God's will for its existence and labor to fulfill its own destiny under God.

V. That we assure that our Church Organizational Structure is Designed to Pass the Story on to Ensuring Generations. There must a conscious and tireless effort to inform, guide and nurture our young. They need to know who they are and who we are.

To conclude, we as Black Christians, have significant challenges and opportunities as we look toward the twenty-first century. In meeting those challenges and utilizing those opportunities we need to vow to refuse to be distracted by superficial division and together strive to glorify God with our lives through our Churches.

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For Beauty. . . We Praise Thee

By Dr. P.A. Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

On Saturday, January 12, 1991, will be the One-Day Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina at the Civic Center, Raleigh, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

During this session, Reverend Lacy Joyner, Pastor of First Baptist, Oxford, N.C., will preach the sermon. Dr. R. Logan, Pastor of Webb First, Ellenboro, N.C., will lead the Bible study relating to the family. (Please bring Bibles.)

Recipients who have received Lydia Circle Certificates and A-1 Circle, Union, and Auxiliary Certificates will be recognized. Persons who have not received the "Outstanding Individual Achievement Award" and have attended the Woman's Convention for twenty five (25) years should send their names to the office before December 14, 1990.

The Financial goal for this session is $25,000.00 with emphasis on State Missions. Let us pray that God will give us a spiritual and an informative session.

You may send to the office for Lott Carey reservation forms.

Thanksgiving is a season set aside to emphasize grateful praise for many known and unknown blessings. Yet when we look around us and even hear and view mass media reflections, we see that the ugly threat of war is present; we see the ugly sight of poverty and illiteracy; we see the rampant embodiment of hate and greed. Though the world presents a season or an era of ugliness, in God through Jesus Christ we find a beauty for which we can give praise.

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the beauty of. . .Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above. . .

For Thy church that ever more Lifteth holy hands above
Off'ring upon every shore Her pure sacrifice of love

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

The office staff joins me in wishing for all of you a happy Thanksgiving. Do accept thanks for all you have done and will do for helping us to realize a proposed budget of $569,084.59 in order to foster and promote the Cause of Him who calls us to mission. Please remember that there are those who depend on us for helping them to lift beauty over ugliness or whatever sort: **Shaw University** — $44,000.00; **Foreign Missions** — $40,000.00; **Central Children's Home** — $31,000.00; **Baptist Assembly** — $15,000.00; **Shaw Divinity** — $30,000.00; **State Missions** — $409,084.59.

Christian Families Reach Fulfillment

By Ms. Augusta White, Associate Editor

Approximately two hundred and fifty persons filed into the First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford, North Carolina, for the Eleventh Annual Family Missions Conference of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

The theme of the conference was: "The Family and Christian Education." In the absence of the devotional chairman, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie led the devotion assisted by Mrs. Vernie Williams, Associate Youth Supervisor, and Mrs. Colene Stanley, Young Adult Director. Dr. Brodie stated, that God had smiled on us and had brought each of us safely to Sanford. The tone for the conference was set by the spiritual devotion which included the choir from First Calvary who led us in singing "We've Come a Long Way," and "I Really Love the Lord."

Presir'ent Johnson gave opening remarks, "One More Time I am glad to be in the service one more time. Riding over the highways it's so good to reflect on how good God has been to us."

Greetings were extended by the host pastor, Dr. J.L. Morgan. Dr. Morgan said, "As I read and lisien I know that the Black Family is in trouble. The more we get together the better we can help strengthen the family. I am glad that I am part of a church who's concerned about the condition of families in our community. God is able to bring us back where we need to be."

Statement of purpose and annoucements were given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention. "The traditional family is in trouble because of the many lifestyles today. The traditional family wants to live in unity. Families should worship together. The purpose of the Family Missions Conference is to teach, remind families that we should study and pray together."

The Youth Evangelism Conference was scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 1990, at Reidsville Senior High School in Reidsville. Reverend Gregory Moss was the Host Pastor. January 12, 1991, is the date for the Mid-Year Session which will be held in Raleigh.

The workshop topic was "Strengthening the Family Through Christian Education."

The **consultant for the Seniors** was **Mrs. Thelma Turner**, member of Roberts Chapel, Goldston.

The three functions of the family are:
1. Spiritual Development
2. Emotional Support
3. Physical Care

There are two types of families:
1. A family of God and we are all related —
2. A biological family that we are related —

The nine goals discussed by Mrs. Turner and the seniors were:
1. Create God-loving families.
2. Create positive family-church partnerships.
3. Educate individuals to become contributing members to society.
4. Dramatically reduce school dropout, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, criminality, suicide, sexually transmitted diseases, family abuse and neglect, and unemployment.
5. Preserve human and natural resources.
6. Redirect the goals of individuals to reflect a caring, nurturing attitude.
7. Educate individuals to achieve their fullest potential.
8. Create self-esteem in individuals and diminish peer pressure.
9. Enable individuals to make responsible decisions and to solve problems.

The **Young Adult Consultant** was **Mrs. C.B. Walters**, a member of the board of the Woman's Baptist State Convention and a member of First Baptist Church, Bladenboro.

The discussion centered around a family care kit:

1. The Bible — God's word.

2. Rubber Band. To remind you of hugging. Hugging makes impossible days possible; requires no special equipment, opens doors to feelings, and fills up empty places in our lives.

3. Cotton Balls. To bring gentle comfort when the world seems cold.

4. Kleenex — To dry another's tears, or to dry your own so you see the tears of others.

5. Band-Aids — To remind you of healing, perhaps hurt feelings of your own or someone else. These items we should have in our family care kits; when the body of Christ is knocked by this cold world, we should continue to be like the Timex watch — "Take a licking and keep on ticking." — Reporters: Blanche Wimberly and Sherry Tart.

The **consultants** for the **Youth Department** were **Reverend H.D. Davis and Mrs. Vernie Williams**, Associate Supervisor of the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

The Reverend H.D. Davis, Sr., Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church, Gastonia.

The topic discussed was, "Strengthening Christian Families Facing the 90's."

An outline with the following topics was given to all participants:

After the introduction with each person giving his/her names, he/she read a verse from the Bible imperatives (what scripture says). The Bible verses were related to parents and families.

Sharing Responsibilities (All family members)

A. Why? Each member of the family is responsible for some task to do in the home. Each person should be happy to share the responsibilities. If youth obey their parents, they will learn to share.

B. No charge idea.

Share responsibilities with being paid by parents.

C. How — Assign duties for each family member and rotate responsibilities each week.

IV. Sorrows (Problems) The way of solving problems is to go to God first and then our parents or family members.

V. Joys (Successes) Do things together as a family. Be happy about the accomplishments made by family members no matter how large or small.

VI. Family Life Making a Difference (Its impact on society in the 90's)

B. Christ-Centered — Make Christ the center of your family.

C. Christ-led — Let Christ be the leader of your family.

C. Christ-sustained. Without Christ in our family we are nothing. After you are Christ-led you will let Christ lead you and you are sustained and Christ will keep you and help you.

Reporter: Matresha Walker — Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson

The family dedicatory prayer was done by Reverend Howard Davis.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie introduced Reverend A.C. Batchelor, Pastor, Phillippi, Simpson, for the message. The text was taken from Ephesians 6:13-14; subject — "Stand Up To Life." A man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife. All the world loves a lover and so does God. Money, skills, and materials can build a house, but you have to have love to make a home. The home was divinely given by God. A happy home is not something that is automatic and requires working at it. When life comes crushing in, it's the little changes that stand up to life. Life is a struggle. We live everyday with a struggle, the struggle between right and wrong.

You are not alone. God says, "I am with you always." God can help you when it seems you have come to the end of the rope. Just stay close to God. He will take care of you. Stay close to God and you will not lose.

1. If we are to battle with life, we need to have our loins girded with truth. We must know Christ for ourselves.

2. We must wear the breast plate of righteousness, must have a strong sense of right and wrong. We must not be ashamed of goodness. Stand up for life.

3. Stand upright. Shod your feet with peace. To know peace everything will be alright.

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4. We need a shield of faith. Faith is our sure dependence. We need faith to hold unto God's unchanging hands. Don't give up.

5. We need the helmet of salvation. Christian life is a crusade. It is a journey to heaven. If you trust in God, He will direct you. He'll be there. When it seems you are lost, God's word will direct your path. To stand up for life you need to pray. Prayer keeps you going. Prayer is the foundation for spiritual life.

"There is something within me, I cannot explain, Oh that I know there is something within." "No one told me it would be easy." "He didn't bring me this far to leave me."

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. . ."

Stand up for life.

Music for the conference was furnished by First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford.



AND SPEND
TIME ALONE
IN PRAYER

Stallings Represents Franklin County

Winston-Salem — Miss Tinica Stallings represented Franklin County in the Miss Shaw Contest at the annual Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention held at Winston-Salem, N.C.

Miss Stallings is a sophomore at Edward Best Middle School in Louisburg, N.C. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waddell Stallins. Miss Stallins is an active member of the Getsemane Baptist Church in Bunn, N.C. Her pastor is Dr. J.C. Paige. Tinica's hobbies are cooking and talking on the telephone.

Miss Stallings won second place in the state-wide competition. Her talent consisted of a monologue entitled "Ain't I A Woman."



Miss Tinica Stallings

Healthfully speaking . . .
"The Good Life"

By Catherine McGibbony, RN
Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC



Catherine McGibbony, RN

The old cliche "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry," has become the American lifestyle! For many it has also become the kiss of death. Dangerous lifestyles kill so many people that Dr. Ernest Wynder, President of the American Health Foundation, has called them "the modern man's edition of the historic horrors of pestilence, famine, war, and death.

Lifestyle: Have you analyzed yours lately? In the 14th century, the "Black Death" killed one out of every four Europeans. At the turn of this century, the biggest killers were diseases such as typhoid fever, small pox, cholera, tuberculosis, nephritis, and gastro-enteritis. Fortunately for us, vaccines, desensitizations, public health measures, antibiotics, and other medical advances conquered these devastations. Over the past 50 years, our unhealthy living habits have grown into a new disease that kills 7 out of every 10 persons. The biggest killer today — heart disease, cancer, stroke, AIDS and accidents, along with cirrhosis of the liver, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma — kills 76 percent of the two million Americans who die each year. There are no new vaccines on the horizon to prevent these threats. Fortunately, there is a step in the right direction, if not a cure: **Cleaning up your lifestyle.**

Ironically, rather than **improving,** lifestyles are actually getting worse, and for many people, they are becoming disastrous. The cost of our bad habits and lifestyles is staggering. Americans spend over 104 million dollars per year for health care which some experts believe we should not and do not need.

Most Americans today do choose the way that they will die. How we live **hour by hour, day by day,** will determine more than anything else what will kill us and when. Unnoticed, poor living habits have replaced germs as the biggest killer in our industrialized society. The first revolution in medicine tamed the communicable diseases, now scientists are attempting to bring about a second revolution: preventive medicine, aimed at stopping illness before it starts.

Despite our desires otherwise, for the most part your **health** is up to you, your physician can detect if you have T.B., high blood pressure, or an early and treatable cancer. While it is impossible to touch upon all the aspects and lifestyles that contribute to an individual's choice of death, there are a few obvious ones which will perhaps help you change your habits, or at least help put priorities on your choices. We certainly do not need a doctor to tell us that alcohol can destroy the liver and stomach, or that we can avoid lung disease if we give up or cut down on smoking cigarettes, or that fat people have more health problems than slim people. If we could eliminate all our unhealthy habits, what would happen? Lung cancer would be reduced and emphysema would probably disappear. Death due to cancer would decrease by 25 percent, and cirrhosis of the liver and pancreatitis would become far more rare. Ailments such as peptic ulcers and gastritis would become less frequent. However, without the help of the patient, medicine can make no promises.

Let's examine some of the habits which can directly affect our health — those that certainly have an impact on all of us: **stress, diet** and **exercise, physical fitness.**

One of our greatest enemies is stress. We are not just talking about work related stress. Any life change, positive or negative, can increase stress — not only trouble with your boss or a move to a new city, or getting a parking ticket, but also getting a promotion or a raise, or taking a vacation. How many recent life changes have you had?

Medical researchers are becoming increasingly convinced that the stresses of modern life are forcing people into dangerous lifestyles that can be as risky as a game of Russian roulette. It is believed that stress is as harmful to the body as germs, injury, and disease.

Our modern day enemies are intangible: faceless arguments, deadlines, boredom, lack of exercise, ambition, and pressure to achieve. We cannot run away because the enemies are of our own making; they are intrinsic parts of our chosen lifestyle. We suppress the fight or flight response, but the adrenalyn continues to flow. Our bodies must react internally, our hearts pound, our stomachs churn, and our palms sweat. All too frequently, repeated suppression of instinct leads ultimately to heart attack and stroke.

Evaluate your lifestyle periodically and avoid undue stress.

The reason for man's inner turmoil is inexorably tied to modern social structure. American society has reached a new level of transcience. We are constantly bombarded with change. Divorces, new jobs, new homes, traditional family and community ties are abruptly and repeatedly severed. The "New" American values, success, achievement, materialism, and self-reliance brings a greater degree of stress into our lives every day, yet, despite evidence of the dangers of stress, the thought of changing some of our values for the sake of personal health appears ludicrous to most people. Many scientists today are finding that one of the most important safety valves for modern man's stress is learning how to relax.

A second lifestyle change that you can do something about is poor eating habits. Overeating is one of the most frequent and costly of the American vices. Insurance company figures indicate that once an individual is 10 pounds over his ideal weight, each additional pound costs him a month of his life. It is not clear why fat people die sooner, but it is known that they do have higher blood pressures and a higher level of blood fats. They develop hardening of the arteries at an earlier age, and have more surgical complications, particularly in abdominal surgery. Evaluating our individual eating habits must be a top priority for each of us. Most of us find eating an enjoyable habit, but too often it is exactly that — a **habit.** Fat accumulates not so much from overeating as from **underdoing.**

A good exercise program will make you look and feel better. Besides strengthening the heart and lungs, toning muscles, and burning off fat, regular activity will give more positive attitude toward yourself and a better outlook on life. Twenty minutes of walking everyday, or jogging a mile or two, three or more times a week are simple inexpensive ways of keeping yourself trim and healthy. Certainly it is not advisable to leap into a strenuous exercise program, especially if you have been inactive for some time, but gradual progression and steady adherence to your chosen activity will reap immeasurable benefits. Doctors and insurance carriers have been warning you that overeating and lack of exercise are the major causes of health care problems, high health care costs, and early death. These warnings have gone unheeded for too long. It is essential for each of you to become more self-aware, to realize that you can and should re-evaluate **your lifestyle** — and do something about it.

Ask yourself if you really care about yourself, your health, your future. If you do, then promise yourself that you are going to carefully consider the way you live. Change your mind about your body, your investment for tomorrow starts by investing in yourself today.

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the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. The breakfast was highlighted by Chaplain Marilyn Gasswint and other chaplains and officials of the Department of Correction, which is headed by a General Baptist Pastor the Reverend Dr. Aaron Johnson, pastor, Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville. Dr. Johnson is one of the highest appointed African-American state government officials in the country.

The Wednesday morning devotional session was opened by Reverend James Isaac and Reverend M.C. Herring. The devotion was followed by the theme address by Reverend D.E. Jenkins, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship — The Gospel." Reverend Jenkins is pastor of Saint Luke Baptist Church, Laurinburg, N.C.

The morning session included the report of the General Board of the Convention and Special Greetings from auxiliary Presidents and Objective heads.

The highlight of the GBSC Session was the final address of outgoing President Dr. J.B. Humphrey. Dr. Humphrey was accompanied by his family, and the choir and members of First Baptist Church West, Charlotte, N.C. President Humphrey thanked the GBSC for the opportunity to serve. He also appointed to the many accomplishments of his four year term.

Following the President's outstanding address Dr. Paul Drummond, pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. and chairman of the election committee gave instructions for the afternoon election of officers of the GBSC.

New Officers

The election of officers was the smoothest and fastest in GBSC history. The results were: President, Dr. W.B. Lewis, Raleigh, N.C.; Vice President-At-Large, Dr. Clifford Jones, Charlotte, N.C.; First Vice President, Dr. J.Z. Windley, Wilmington, N.C.; Second Vice President, Dr. Charles Bullock, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Dr. G.A. Jones, Third Vice President, Raleigh, N.C.; Reverend Haywood T. Gray, Fourth Vice President, Pelham, N.C.; Dr. John H. Grant, Recording Secretary, Asheville, N.C.; Reverend Gregory Moss, Historian, Reidsville, N.C.; Dr. Sidney Locks, Parliamentarian, Greenville, N.C.; Dr. Charles C. Alston, Statician, Raleigh, N.C.; Mr. Waverly Camp, Chorister/Musician, Charlotte, N.C.; Dr. Westley Grant, Assistant Chorister, Asheville, N.C.; Reverend Georgia Guest, Soloist, Shelby, N.C.

Dr. C.C. Craig gave his Annual Repot Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Craig had a very positive financial report and progress repot for the GBSC. He stated that the auditor had found records much improved and in order.

Other reports were by Dr. P.A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention; and Dr. Corbin Cooper, Director Cooperative Ministries and Seminary Extension. The reports were followed by an inspiring and enlightening sermon by the Reverend Dr. George Cook, pastor, Greater Mount and Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The Wednesday evening devotional period was led by Reverend Timothy Edwards and Reverend Burell Brooks. The evening program featured Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Shaw gave a dynamic address/sermon. He was accompanied by the Shaw University Choir. Dr. Shaw reminded the convention of its long relationship with the University and the united that bonded both together. Dr. Shaw highlighted, the success and milestones of his administration. He encouraged General Baptist to attend the University and for churches to increase their support.

The Wednesday evening worship service was lead by the Reverend Dr. Anthony Jinwright, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. and Chairman of the GBSC Evangelism Committee. Dr. Jinwright brought the convention to its feet with his powerful and spiritual message. He was accompanied by the Salem Mass Choir and many of his members and friends from Charlotte.

The latenight services were lead by Reverend Ricky Hayes, Elkin, N.C. He was accompanied by the Barbee's Chapel Baptist Church choir, Chapel Hill, N.C. the Reverend L. Gene Hatley, pastor. The final latenight message was delivered by Reverend James Woodson, pastor, Buncomb Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C.

The closing session of the GBSC convened with the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church Thursday morning, November 1, 1990. The Theme Address was delivered by Reverend L.C. Ray, "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship — Opportunity."

The theme address was followed by the Shaw Divinity School Hour. It was lead by the Reverend Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Acting Provost/Dean. The Divinity School hour was followed by the installation of new officers by Dr. C.R. Edwards. The gavel was then passed from Past President Humphrey to new President Lewis. The GBSC closed with a Communion Service and words of challenge by new President Lewis.





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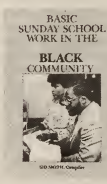
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The 41st Annual Session of the State Laymen's League Convention

By Michael Kendall

The Annual Session of the State Laymen's League Convention was held in Raleigh on Oct. 29th and 30th. This session marked the end of an era of rebuilding and growth under the leadership of Laymen's League president Dr. C.C. Alston and the beginning of a new administration with George W. Turner as the newly elected State Laymen's League President.

The events of the Annual Session started with the Executive Board Meeting held early Monday morning at Shoney's on Avent Ferry Rd. The Laymen's Convention call to order opened the Monday morning program at the Raleigh Civic Center. Highlights of the morning program were a workshop led by Dallas Foster on "The Plight of the Young Black Male" and The Shaw Divinity Hour featuring an address on "Worship and Work" delivered by Dr. Joseph Paige. Dr. Paige emphasized the importance of ministering to all needs of all people.

The Monday afternoon program included a theme address by William McNeal, associate superintendent, Wake County Auxiliary Service and a sermon delivered by Rev. Willie Greene pastor, Eveningview M.B. Church, Jacksonville, NC.

The Annual State Laymen's League Banquet was held at Athens Drive H.S. at 5:00 p.m. (the details of the banquet are covered in a separate article)

After the Banquet the Youth Night program warmed the hearts of those in attendance at the Civic Center. The program showcased the talents of our male youths, as well as the work being done by the Laymen's League Youth Division. The devotional period was opened with an invocation by four year old Ryan Kendall followed by a prayer from Vester Walker of Martin St. Baptist Church. A young boy from the host church Tupper Memorial provided the scripture reading.

A Statement of purpose given by Roberé Brunson illuminated a theme that was carried throughout the evening. Roberé emphasized that developing male youth was a major objective of the Laymen's League. That idea was reinforced in the Youth Laymen's officers address given by the Youth Laymen's 2nd Vice President Lindwood Long of Wake Chapel Baptist Church. Two Skits, one titled "Peers and Drugs" performed by youths from Watts Chapel Baptist and another titled "Public Appearance and Stereotypes" performed by youths from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Creedmoor further illustrated the need for development and training of our young men and boys. After the skits Roberé returned to encourage men who may want start a Laymen's League at their local church.

After an introduction by Cameron Mach of Martin St. Baptist Church Rev. Paul Anderson delivered the evening message.

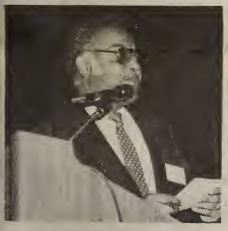
A word of thanks must go out to Bobby Allen and the Enloe H.S. Gospel Choir for rendering the music and to Michael Jones of Watts Chapel who served as the Master of Ceremony.

On Tuesday morning a beautiful theme address, "An Introduction for Jesus" was delivered by Thomas Conley. The committee reports were then given starting with the report of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reported that Frank Marshall resigned as chairperson of the Laymen's League Retreat and that Richard Cogdell was named Secretary Emeritus of the State Laymen's League. We the Laymen of North Carolina offer our sincere gratitude for the many years of service these men have provided.

The Nominating Committee presented their recommendations to the League. The recommendations were accepted by unanimous vote. The State Laymen's League new officers are George Turner — president, Howard Graham — 1st vice president, Earnest Dansby — 2nd vice president, Jarvis Morgan — 3rd vice president, Everett Miles — 4th vice president, and Roy Harris — Chairman of Study Commission.

Dr. Charles C. Alston gave his final address as president of the State Laymen's League. In his address he encouraged the officers of the League to stay in the field with the troops until the conquest is done. Dr. Alston stated that the land that must be conquered is not soil, but problems facing our youth.

The final message of the 41st annual session was delivered by Rev. Theodore Breeden. After the message the Laymen closed their session and prepared to participate in the 123rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of NC Inc.



Dr. Charles Alston



Reverend Theodore Breeden, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Proctorville, N.C., delivers final message of 41st Laymen's Session.



Laymen League officers.

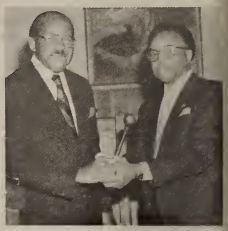


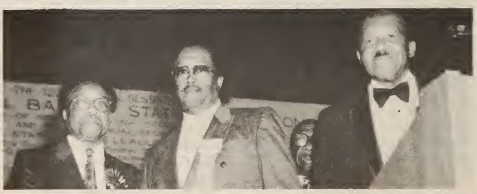
New President George Turner presents plaque to outgoing Laymen's President Dr. Charles Alston.

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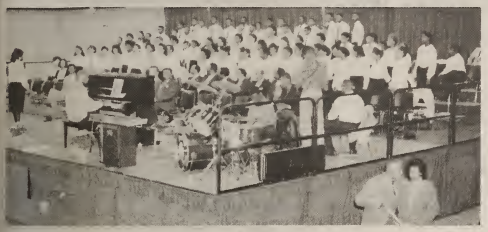








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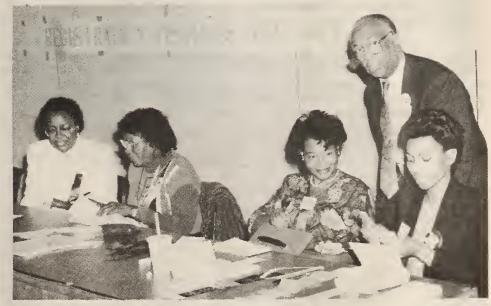














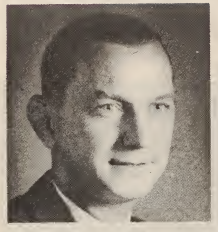




33rd Annual Report

Cooperative Ministries and Seminary Extension
September 1989-August 1990

By Dr. Corbin Cooper



Dr. Corbin Cooper

An exciting variety of ministries continue to challenge the work of our department. We enjoy serving with two Baptist State Conventions in numerous activities, starting new churches, supervising the nations three largest Seminary Extension programs within these two conventions and among prison inmates; and a growing program with bivocational ministers.

COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

Our teacher/missionary of many years continues to coordinate ministries at the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh. He taught classes for both semesters, assisted with the seventeenth annual pastor's conference, conducted regional institutes and workshops, assisted Shaw University in a successful statewide promotional campaign, the third annual Apolls Society Banquet and Pride Day in September.

We appointed 20 black college students in summer ministries and held Youth Orientation Week at Meredith College; held two meetings with the Joint Committee and planned a joint retreat for November; assisted with campus ministry at NC Central University, Durham; participated in Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebrations.

NEW WORK

A second successful conference on Southern Baptist Resources for Black Baptist Churches was held at the Caraway Conference Center. By popular demand it will be held again in December, 1990. We cosponsored a Church Growth and Planning Conference in Greensboro and held a training conference at Caraway for black leaders for WMU and Brotherhood. There are currenly 25 predominantly black churches in the Baptist State Convention.

A new church was begun on Randleman Road in Greensboro. Three congregations were added to the Baptist State Convention through their membership in the newly formed United Baptist Association, Charlotte. They are Antioch, Mount Carmel, and Saint Paul Baptist Churches. A great need for starting new churches at this time is enlisting more sponsoring churches. A conservative survey reports at least 500,000 black people in North Carolina are not affiliated with any church.

SEMINARY EXTENSION

Interest is growing and enrollment is increasing in the new Seminary Diploma plan. Students now have the option of working toward a diploma to be awarded by one of the Southern Baptist seminaries or the Shaw Divinity School. The traditional Seminary Extension diplomas are still available. Seventy-eight courses are available in two curriculums.

A total of 72 active Seminary Extension centers were reported this year. North Carolina continues to have the largest program in the nation. We held Key Leadership conferences at Caswell and Ridgecrest.

Among black Baptists we established 71 courses, recorded approximately 1,100 registrations and held Seminary Extension graduation in Charlotte and Oxford. The accumulated record for this phase of Seminary Extension as of August 1, 1991, now stands as follows:

Number enrolled	3,568
Number registrations	11,847
Number of courses taught	739
Certificates of Merit	52
Diplomas	43
Advanced Diplomas	1

Prison inmates received over 400 individual courses during the year, bringing the total to over 3600 since beginning the program in 1979. Six residents at Eastern Correctional Institution, Maury, earned Master Life awards through Seminary Extension.

BIVOCATIONAL MINISTRIES

The department conducted the ninth annual statewide retreat for Bivocational Ministers and their spouses at Caraway. We held 20 associational conferences on Witnessing-Giving Life with over 600 bivocational and lay leaders in attendance. Two planning conferences were conducted with the National Consultant on Bivocational Ministries.

Financial Report

The income and expenses related to our ministries are as follows:

Expenditure	
Personnel Salaries and benefits (5 people)	$84,936
Office Expenses	7,968
Summer Program	18,278
Seminary Extension Program (Shaw Divinity School)	50,323
Campus Ministry (NCCU)	2,000
Scholarships for Black Students	6,272
Training Institutes & Conference	4,819
Literature & Promotion	1,281
Minister Retirement Plans	3,233
Courses for Prison Inmates	19,500
New Churches	70,000
Bivocational Ministers Program	6,000
Total Expenditures	$274,610

Income:	
Cooperative Program, Baptist State Convention of NC	$243,949
Books and registration fees (Seminary Extension)	25,701
Shaw Divinity School (Seminary Extension)	1,200
Cornerstone, Greenville, Rev. Sidney A. Locks	200
Faison, Rev. C.L. Henderson	10
First Baptist, Burlington, Rev. R.W. Styles	100
First Baptist, Fairmont, Dr. J.J. Johnson	300
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Foster Grove, Jamestown, Rev. B.D. Curtis	100
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New Hope/Granville, SE Center, Berea, Dr. H.L. Timberlake	100
Pee Dee Assoc., Laurinburg, Dr. H.E. Edwards	100
Saint Luke, Laurinburg, Rev. Donald Jenkins	100
Silver Mount, Charlotte, Dr. William Lee, Jr.	200
Total Income	$274,610

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Oct. 31, 1990	Senatorial Candidate/Harvey Gantt speaks to convention
Oct. 31, 1990	Pres. address/Dr. J.B. Humphrey
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STATE MISSION

Search To Fill Position of Program Associate

The North Carolina Council of Churches has begun an active search to fill the position of Program Associate. A major portion of the job will be to lead and coordinate the Legislative Program of the Council, which includes being the Council's legislative agent. The Program Associate will also work with various social concern committees within the Council. Some of the issues are: Farmworkers, Criminal Justice, Equal Rights for Women, Housing, and AIDS.

The Program Associate should be a person with some knowledge of the church and of Christian faith. Formal theological education is not essential. Knowledge of social, economic and political structures and issues is important along with an interest in connecting Christian perspectives and church resources with such issues. The Associate should have ability to organize and lead groups. Skills in writing and speaking, especially writing are important.

If you know of someone who might be interested in this position and might be good in it, please pass the word to them. If you are interested yourself, please send in a resume.

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FORSYTH PRISON MINISTRY
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

SUMMARY

The Associate Chaplain performs assigned duties in leading religious services, activities, and programs for the Forsyth Prison Ministry at the prison, jail, and youth center. The Associate Chaplain participates in planning, co-ordinating, and the communication activities of the ministry in addition to providing assistance to the Chaplain as requested. The Chaplain performs assigned duties under the direction of the Senior Chaplain.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Plan and lead religious services, activities and programs which include all denominations. Programs should consist of worship, Bible study, prayer groups, personal growth groups, and inmate family ministry.

Plan and co-ordinate services, activities, and programs in consultation with the principal offices of the institutions served. Assist the institutional administrators in helping with problems and issues which affect morale, human relations, and rehabilitation.

Plan, direct, and co-ordinate on-site religious services by volunteers. Consult and refer area clergy and religious workers who desire to minister to inmates in prison and upon their release. Enlist and train volunteers as required.

Counsel inmates, their families, and institutional staff members in time of crisis and stress, particularly at deaths, serious illness, marital difficulties, and divorce.

Develop and promote community awareness of the ministry by speaking to churches, church groups, clubs, and others as requested.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

April Telia Blackwell Poster Child 1990-91

By Colene B. Stanley, Associate Editor



April Telia Blackwell is the 1990-91 Poster Child of Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. She is the daughter of Denise and Gary Blackwell of Pelham, NC.

She is a precious 8 year old and the sister to Gary, 14, and Nikki, 13. April is a third grader at Pelham Elementary School. Last year she received a trophy for making the "A" Honor Roll.

Her hobbies include drawing, writing, biking, skating and poetry. She also enjoys attending Triad's Summer Enrichment Camp. April has attended camp for two years and looks forward to next year. April is also very involved in the church. She attends Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pelham.

Reverend H.T. Gray, Fourth Vice President of the GBSC, is Pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

April's mother states that she loves Sunday School and singing in the Sunbeam Choir.

April will represent Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation in numerous appearances and community activities. She will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet in September and will be entered into the North Carolina State and the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease Poster Contest.

Congratulations to Tia Cobb, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gary Cobb who represented Triad as their 1988-89 Poster Child.

NAACP Protests Bank Merger

By Mary Peeler, Executive Director of the NC NAACP

Charlotte, N.C. — Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., President of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), today announced that the NC NAACP had joined with the South Carolina State Conference of Branches, in filing a protest against the merger of the National Bank of South Carolina and the Southern National Bank of Lumberton, N.C. The October 22 letter to the Comptroller of the Currency, questions the banks activities in the areas of:

1. Efforts to ascertain the credit needs of low and moderate income neighborhoods.

2. The scope of marketing and special credit related programs to make members of the community aware of various credit services offered by the bank.

3. Investments in local community development and redevelopment projects and programs.

4. Contact and development of relationships with groups and organizations serving low and moderate income communities.

"This is the first of many challenges that the NAACP plans to file," said Mary Peeler, Executive Director of the NC NAACP.

Dr. Thomas L. Walker Celebrates 20th Pastoral Anniversary

By Deborah Battle, Rocky Mount, NC

The Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Walker will celebrate his 20th Anniversary as Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, N.C., during the month of December. On Saturday, December 1, there will be an Anniversary Banquet at the Nash Central (O.D. Moore) Alumni Building, Nashville, N.C. The featured speaker will be the Reverend Dr. C.R. Edwards, member of the N.C. House of Representatives and Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C. For Banquet information, contact the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount or call (919) 446-2378.

On the second Sunday (December 9), during the 8:00 a.m., early morning worship service at Ebenezer, the Reverend Eddie Wayne Lawrence, Pastor of the St. Paul Baptist Church, Enfield, N.C., will be the speaker. The Reverend Claude Odom, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kelford, N.C., will speak at the 5:00 p.m. Special Anniversary Service at Ebenezer on the second Sunday. A Special 20th Pastoral Anniversary Concert on Monday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m., featuring the Reverend F.C. Barnes will climax the anniversary celebration at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend these anniversary activities.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church family is thankful to God for having blessed them with Dr. Walker. Dr. Walker is a leader of the first magnitude. During his pastorate, the membership has grown approximately 100 to a current membership over 1000. As a witness to the power of God and the efforts of a united people, Dr. Walker led the Ebenezer Church family in a Building Program valued at over a million dollars consisting of a 1000 seat sanctuary, suite of Administrative Offices and an Educational Center. The facility dedicated in 1980, had the mortgage retired in five years.

In addition to the numerical growth and facility growth, the church's ministry has grown under Dr. Walker's leadership. Ebenezer continually strives to witness for Christ with ministries designed to address the needs of the total person and community. These ministries include biblical teaching, Crisis Ministry to address physical needs, Counseling Program, New Member Orientation, Enrichment and Tutorial Program, Youth Ministry,



Dr. Thomas Walker

Senior Citizen Ministry, Tape Ministry, Radio and Television Ministries and Economic Development.

In addition to being a gifted orator and leader, Dr. Walker records on the Atlanta International Record label. His recordings include "One Day At A Time," "Listen," "Letter To Jesus," "He Brought Us," "Needed But Not Wanted," "Young and the Restless," "As The World Turns" and "Don't Worry Be Happy." Dr. Walker hosts a gospel radio program on WRSV radio, 92.1 FM.

Dr. Walker, who was recently re-elected to his third term as Edgecombe County Commissioner, has also served as Chairman of the Edgecombe/Nash Black Political Caucus, President of the Rocky Mount Interdenominational Ministerial Conference and on numerous Board and Advisory Committees. He holds a Lifetime Membership in the NAACP. Because of his dedicated service, Dr. Walker has received numerous awards; among them the "Churchman of the Year Award" by the N.C. General Baptist State Convention, the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" by the state governor, the "J.B. Harren Service Award" by O.I.C. and "The Spoken Word Award" by the Gospel Music Workshop of America.

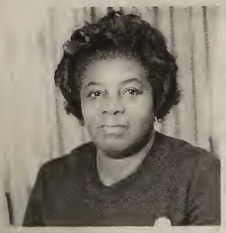
We salute Dr. Thomas L. Walker for humbling himself to be used by God in a mighty way.



BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Cunningham Named "Woman of the Year"



Mrs. Jeanette L. Cunningham "Woman of the Year"

The Woman's day was held at the Friendship Baptist Church on October 14, 1990. Mrs. Elizabeth Young of Southport, N.C. was the guest speaker. During the service was honored as "Woman of the Year" for 1990. Jeanette is a native of York Co. S.C. where she received her elementary and high school education. She received her B.S. Degree from Livingston College Salisbury, N.C. She is the widow of Willie B. Cunningham, Sr., the mother of four children, Willette & Avis Cunningham, Reverend Willie B. Cunningham, Jr., and Cynthia C. Fowlkes — A dedicated member of the Friendship Baptist Church she has served in the following capacities:

(1) Sunday School Teacher, (2) Bible School Teacher, (3) Youth Supervisor, (4) Sr. Missionary Circle President, (5) Active Member of the Musical Choir.

Her county activities: (1) Fourth Vice President to the Gaston Co. Union, (2) Secretary of the Gaston Co. Sunday School Convention, (3) Assistant teacher of the youth, Gaston Co. Sunday School Convention, (4) First Vice President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Gaston Co. Association.

She taught in the Gaston Co. School System for thirty-six years. Voluntary worker for the Crisis Assistance Ministry-Chairperson of District Right of the NCASCC Recreation and Park Society of N.C.

She is a member of the Beta Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Inc. In her community she does errands for the elderly.

Mrs. Cunningham has touched many many lives in our church, community and county in an unselfish manner believing that only what we give away, enriches us from day to day. The awards to Mrs. Cunningham were presented by Ms. Darlene Eaves, Patricia Smith and Henrietta Hardin.



AND SPEND TIME
ALONE IN PRAYER

Chaplain Frederick D. Terry To Preach at Hampton University

By Archie' D. Logan, Editor

Chaplain Frederick D. Terry, Chief, Chaplain Service, Bay Pines, Florida was invited to preach at Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia, Sunday, October 14, 1990, 11:00 a.m. The speaker is the third black in the nation to be appointed chief of chaplains at a Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He is also a retired Colonel from the United States Army Reserve. Chaplain Terry has a successful record both as a pastor and chaplain. He was pastor and builder of the New West Durham Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina before accepting a position as staff chaplain at the VAMC Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Veteran Affairs designated Chaplain Terry as a high potential and sent him to Boston University Graduate School to study management by objectives. Since 1977 Chaplain Terry has been appointed chief of chaplains with the First Assignment in Marion, Indiana VAMC. Since April 21, 1989 the speaker has been chief at Bay Pines, Florida. Over the past 19 years with the Veteran Affairs, Chaplain Terry has received over 17 citations for outstanding leadership. The Honorable Evan Bayh, Governor of the State of Indiana presented Chaplain Terry the Sagomore of the Wabash for his contribution to the State of Indiana. This award is the highest given by the state of Indiana.

As a reservist, Chaplain Terry served with the 123rd Army Reserve Command, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. During this period, Chaplain Terry received the Commander's Award for outstanding leadership as Command Chaplain. He was also awarded three Meritorious Medals for outstanding leadership. The Meritorious Service Medal is the second highest non-combat award given by the Secretary of the Army.



Chaplain Frederick D. Terry

clinical training at the School of Pastoral Care of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Chaplain Terry married his college sweetheart, the former Alberta Gibson who succeeded him in death. He is the father of three children.

Chaplain Terry is a graduate of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. He worked toward the STM at Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, and graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, U.C. Chaplain School, Fort Slocum, New York, U.S. VA Chaplain School, St. Louis, Missouri, and received pastoral

Housing Crisis Jeopardizes N.C.'s Future

By Linda Shaw

North Carolina is in the midst of a housing crisis that has created misery for thousands of its poorest citizens and jeopardizes the state's future welfare and economy.

A combination of factors have created this crisis. Housing prices have escalated dramatically, while incomes among the poorest segment of the population have stagnated or fallen, Moreover, federal low-income housing funds have declined 80 percent in the last decade.

The problem is especially acute for rental households. Average fair-market rates in the state's metropolitan areas are $340 for a one-bedroom unit and $400 for a two-bedroom unit. For more than a third of North Carolina's renter households, a one-bedroom unit is unaffordable, and 40 percent cannot afford a two-bedroom unit.

A worker would need to earn $7.68/hour, more than twice the minimum wage, to afford a two-bedroom apartment. Even with two persons working full-time at minimum wage, a household still could not afford this rent.

Nationally, 45 percent of all renter households below the poverty line pay more than 70 percent of their meager income for housing. Yet less than one out of three of these households receives housing assistance.

Poor housing prevails in rural areas, where structures are often overcrowded and three times more likely to lack complete plumbing facilities than those in urban North Carolina. In 1980, more than 80,000 households (sheltering nearly 250,000 individuals) lacked complete plumbing facilities. North Carolina ranks first among 12 Southern states in housing units without indoor plumbing.

Most of us do not see the overcrowding or the unsafe and unsanitary living conditions endured by the poor. But the growing number of people living in streets, in cars and in campgrounds clearly reveal the inadequate supply of affordable housing. In July 1988, the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance "conservatively" calculated a homeless population of 8,045. A more recent survey by the Department of Public Instruction found 6,166 homeless children. The Raleigh/Wake County Coalition for the Homeless estimates that 2,000 county residents are homeless during the course of a year.

What can be done about this serious problem? The federal government's abdication of responsibility has forced a new approach to housing needs. The state and local governments and the private financial sector are all being asked to pick up some of the slack.

The North Carolina Housing Trust Fund serves as the state's primary source of low-income housing assistance. Under the guidance of the North Carolina Housing Partnership, monies are directed to underserved rural areas, with the bulk of the programs meeting needs for households at 50 percent of the median income. Initially capitalized with $22.5 million collected by the state for petroleum overcharges, the Trust Fund received $2 million in direct appropriations in 1989 and $1 million in 1990. With this minimal support, all Trust Fund monies will be obligated soon.

Since 1987, state laws have permitted local governments to become increasingly involved in the direct provision or financing of low-income housing. Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Wilmington, Greensboro and Durham are leaders in the field. Unfortunately, many rural communities lack the resources to undertake housing development, and the state has yet to pass legislation enabling counties to establish housing programs.

The private sector also has a significant role to play. North Carolina's financial institutions, influenced by the realization that it is possible to "do well by doing good," as well as the efforts to address housing needs under the savings-and-loan bailout bill and the Community Reinvestment Act, are expressing interest in low-income housing development.

Private non-profits are another growing presence in North Carolina housing development. With deep enough subsidies, non-profits can construct affordable low-income homes and maintain the affordability of that stock over time. Such organizations serve the poorest of the poor, including migrant workers, by building housing in rural areas that others find unprofitable.

But none of these solutions can replace the billions slashed from federal housing funds. The cuts of the last decade must be restored. Resolution Trust Corporation properties (acquired by the government from bankrupt thrift institutions) must be made available to low-income buyers and non-profit organizations efficiently and rapidly. Housing subsidies must be targeted to those most in need — low income citizens and renters.

Housing is a basic necessity of life. We cannot educate our people or develop our economy until we have met this basic need. Providing decent, affordable housing should rank among the highest priorities of both the state and the federal government.

Shaw is executive director of the North Carolina Low Income Housing Coalition in Raleigh.

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12 Woman's State Convention Mid-Year Session, Civic Center Raleigh, N.C.
15 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday; HOLIDAY
19 Shaw Divinity School Orientation Assembly, Raleigh, N.C.
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday observed
21-25 National Baptist Mid-Year Nashville, TN
21-25 Progressive National Baptist Mid-Year Nassau, Bahamas
26 Christian Education Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, N.C.
26 Johnson Baptist Assembly Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, NC

FEBRUARY

2 Woman's State Convention Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Baptist Headquarters
7-8 Heritage Celebration Shaw Divinity School
9 One-Day Session SS and BTU Congress, Winston-Salem, NC
11-15 Shaw University, Religious Emphasis
13 Ash Wednesday
23 One-Day Session Usher's Convention, Fayetteville, NC

Christmas Message

BETHLEHEM

By Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2:15.

It was in Bethlehem many years ago that God came closest to us in time with the birth of Jesus Christ. The announcement that Jesus the Christ was born in Bethlehem was made by the angels to the shepherds who were abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. The shepherds were told that in "Bethlehem," the city of David, a Savior was born, which is Christ the Lord.

Christmas comes to remind us again, that in Bethlehem, the city of David, we have a Savior which is born.

When we think about the sad condition of our world, a world where hate is burning with anger, sin has struck humanity as a stroke of paralysis, divorce has shaken the foundation of the family low, and mean politics have weakened our government, jealousy and narrow thinking have blinded many eyes, hypocrisy and deception are thriving in the church; We must admit that we need to go to Bethlehem and see the thing which the Lord hath made known unto us.

How far are we from Bethlehem? How far are we from a personal encounter with God in Jesus Christ?

In a spiritual sense, Bethlehem is as near as the distance between our need and God's awareness, our distress and God's comfort, our longing and God's fulfillment, our despair and God's hope. How far is Bethlehem? It can be as far as our self-centeredness and our commitment, our greed and our generosity, our hate and our love, our unwillingness and our service, our cheating and our honesty, our goodness and our evil. God's kindness must be revealed in us. It is not a kindness locked up in eternity. It appeared in the world at Bethlehem revealed in Jesus Christ. We cannot experience Christmas unless the manger scene affects our lives. We need to "go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass; which the Lord hath made known unto us."

How far is it to Bethlehem? The journey to Bethlehem is as short as our repentance and God's forgiveness, our worship and God's revelation, our open heart and God's love, our prayer and God's answer, our faith and God's assurance.

In Bethlehem we can see a vision of a Christ who loves us with an everlasting love. The truth is sin today has not lost its power to divide and destroy human personality.

Sin does not go away because we give it other names and ignore it. Time cannot cancel our sin and it cannot bury our sin. We need a Bethlehem experience. The knowledge and power that the Lord hath make known unto us.

How far it it to Bethlehem? It is as close as our willingness to say with the psalmist: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

How far is it to Bethlehem? In traveling in any of the distances above within our soul, we can arrive at Bethlehem to see "this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

The meaning of Christmas is knowing how to get to Bethlehem of the spirit where the soul encounters God anew.

During this Christmas season, let us go to Bethlehem....

The staff members: Reverend Archie D. Logan, Dr. Leo Williams, Mrs. Phyllis M. Holloway, Mrs. Mary B. Farrar, Ms. Debra Price, Ms. Mattie Murphy, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Ms. Bettie Chislom, Ms. Ivery Williamson, Ms. Treavesa Watson, Mrs. Gayle Johnson, Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. Raymond Burnett join me in wishing for you and the members of your family a "Merry Christmas."

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Is It Christmas? "We Would See Jesus."

By Executive Secretary Brodie

As we look about the world this Yuletide Season we see some people confronted by many voids: void of sight, void of hearing, void of peace, void of love, void of joy, void of praise and thankfulness. With so many voids around them, they may feel that they are in a mine field and that it is dangerous to take even a step. They are reminded that hatred, greed, selfishness, self-centeredness, self-deification cause these voids.

However, voids can be filled or bridged. The reason for Christmas is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to bridge the void between Him (God) and mankind. This void came about because of God's separation from mankind. The separation came about because of mankind's rebellion against God's plan, resulting in sin. Jesus brings hope, faith, love, forgiveness, and peace. He is the Lily of the valley, the Bright and Morning Star. He is Mary's baby born long time ago. He is the Cause of a peaceful, calm, even silent night. He is the Wondrous Star, King of Kings, the Christ. He is the Savior about whom the angels sang. He then is the Song whom even the world joins in singing at this special time of the year though it does not receive Him as Savior.

There are peoples of the world who after seeing and hearing Christmas tell and sing of Jesus' birth, say, "We would see this Jesus! Can He help us? Our nights are very dark and we need His Star to shine about and in our lives. In our villages, our hamlets, our ghettos and/or metropolitan areas, we need the Light of life to show us the way. This Baby Jesus about whom you sing and talk, what can He teach us? Hush, we hear a Voice that speaks as no other authority and says, 'Follow me.' O, where can we find Him? We would see Jesus."

To these we can say that Christ was born for this, to save; do not fear but call out to Him and ask to be saved from the voids and their causes. Then with heartfelt glee can you say that you see Jesus and that He is born today in your hearts and you have the Christmas spirit. "Joy to the world, the Lord is Come." Would you see Him?

With the indwelling Christmas Spirit, let us help others to see Jesus sharing with our objectives: **Foreign Missions — $40,000; Shaw University — $44,000; Central Children's Home — $31,000; Shaw Divinity School — $30,000; Baptist Assembly — $15,000; State Missions — 409,084.84.**

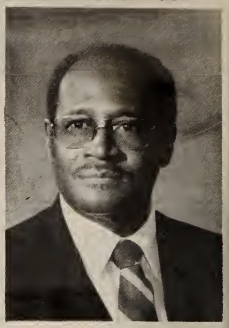
And, so on the first Christmas came the Shepherds and the Wise Men, following the Star, to Bethlehem where Jesus, the Son of God, was born and laid in a manger, for it was their internal expression: "We would see Jesus," the First Noel. Have we had truly our First Christmas.

From the staff and the Convention — Merry Christmas! "We Would See Jesus."

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Observations From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

By Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. C.C. Craig



Dr. C.C. Craig

The Rev. Dr. A. Russell Awkard Guest Speaker At Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet



Dr. A. Russell Awkard

The Reverend Dr. A. Russell Awkard, Pastor of the historic New Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, will be the guest speaker at the 1991 Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Banquet. The banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m., on January 11, 1990 at the Kerr Scott Building on the State Fair Grounds, Gate 11, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. The cost of each ticket is eighteen dollars ($18.00). Make your check payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

Arrangements for your lodging at a special rate has been made at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina. Single and Double are $35.00 plus tax, Triple and Quads are $45.00 plus tax, the cut-off date is January 4, 1991.

Dr. Awkard was reared in Maryland. He is a graduate of Howard University, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. and the School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Awkard has an extensive ministry in the Louisville area, his church sponsors many programs, among them a prison, radio, and television ministry. he also serves as First Vice President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; President of the Bluegrass State Convention, NBC, USA, Inc.; Moderator of the Central District Baptist Association; Member of the Baptist Association; Member of the Trustee Boards of Simmons Bible College, Louisville, and Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Awkard is married and has one son and two daughters.

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"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness . . ."
(II Corinthians 6:7)

The President Speaks

By
Dr. W.B. Lewis

DR. W.B. LEWIS, PRESIDENT
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

"Thank You For Your Confidence"



"HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL"

At this time of the year, everyone seems to be happy: full of laughter and good cheer. People who usually pass us by without speaking, or merely not without a smile, act differently; they even smile widely and say, "Merry Christmas" just as heartily as they can. And we respond to the greeting with a: "Same to you!" We acknowledge a feeling of friendliness that somehow surprises us.

Even in homes where there are children, the Christmas spirit, the smiles, and merriment are much higher. They have hung their stockings, and are watching to have them filled. The parents, or guardians are just as happy, to fill them, as the children are. Children scrambling into the room Christmas Morning, with faces shining with delight, and then the entire family joins heartily in the joyful moment.

There are some homes who may not be so warm, and stockings not so good. Stockings that bare the sign of patches, darns and terribly worn. In the atmosphere of 'our' Christmas merriment, and celebration, in the warmth and comfort of our homes; we can't afford to overlook the children in the poorer, less fortunate homes, who will not have much Christmas unless 'we' fill the patched little stockings.

The saviour Jesus Christ came to bless us all. He came to bring to this old world loved that his kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The gift God gave the world was the first and greatest Christmas gift. We cannot repay him for the marvelous expression of his love, but we can endeavor each day of our lives to do good, and help somebody; and thus give others the best we have received from him.

We join the prophet Isaiah, who lived in a dark time. For three of four thousand years the world had been getting worse. Men and women had lived and died, and kingdoms had arisen and perished. As the captain of a vessel in distress, on a dark sea puts the telescope of the prophecy to his eye and see relief coming across the water. In most homes there is a picture of Christ. Sometimes it represents him with effeminate; sometimes with a face despotic. I have seen the face of Christ cut on an emerald, and yet I am convinced that we shall never know how Jesus looked until on that morning when we wash the last sleep form our eyes in the cool river of heaven. When I look at that divine photograph that Luke sketched, the sketches of John and Paul, about his divine and emasculate being. I say with Isaiah, "he is wonderful."

In the first place:

1. Jesus was wonderful in the opposites and seemingly antagonisms of his nature. We want things logical and consistent at the same time. "How can Christ be God and man at the same time" John says Christ was the creator: "All things were made by him and without him was not anything made." Matthew quotes him as saying that he is omnipresent: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Seems to me at some point the throne and the manger must come together. Christ declared his own eternity: "I am alpha and omega." Why would Christ sleep on a mountain, when he owned the palaces of eternity: "I am alpha and omega." Why beg for a drink from the cross, when out of the crystal chalices of eternity he poured the Euphrates, and dipping his fingers in the fountain of heaven, and as he shook his hand over the world, from the tips of his fingers, dripping the great lakes, oceans and seas. Who can understand him? We are confounded at his nature. Paul said "It was unsearchable." We climb from argument to argument, we go from glory to glory, and then we have to humble down in our exhaustion as we look above us, and see that the heights of his divinity cannot be unscalded. "We must acknowledge that in all things God has the preeminence."

In the second place:

2. Christ was wonderful in his victories. When there arose a terrible storm on the sea of Galilee, and the storm was overwhelming those disciples, the sea crouched in his presence and paid homage to his feet. He disarmed the wind and waves, and beckoned that they lay flat, and they obeyed him. Medical science has wrought great changes in rheumatic limbs, and diseased blood, but when muscles are really worn out no human power or human knowledge can restore them; and who can raise the dead? But Christ sees the paralytic, his hand lifeless. Christ says to him, "stretch forth thy hand," and he stretches it forth. It is said that there was a knob on the outside of the sepulcher, but no knob on the inside. He came to conquer death. He raised up Jairus' daughter, resurrected the widow's son, he called Lazarus, "come forth" and he came forth. He was wonderful in his victories.

What is wrong with this country and with this world? All of the financial troubles we are having. Banks going out of existence, saving and loans associations going broke, drugs on every corner, and murder in every exotic place of this world. What is wrong with this country and this world? This world belongs to Christ, and he must have it. There will never be a permanent prosperity in this land until Christ rules it. This land was discovered for Christ and until our cities shall be evangelized and disciples, north, south, east, and west and acknowledge him as king of kings, and redeemer: we shall never have permanent prosperity and peace.

In the third place:

3. Christ was wonderful in His preaching and teaching. The people of His day had been accustomed to formalities and technicalities: Christ came in and upset all of their notions as to how preaching and teaching should be done. There was this uniqueness about His preaching: the people knew what he meant. His illustrations were taken from the hen calling the chickens together; from the salt, from the candles, and from their fishing tackle. Maybe churches of today would have called his mannerism undignified, and yet the people of that day went to hear Him. The person who proclaims the gospel, and interprets the word, should have one objective; this is the saving of souls. Christ in his preaching was plain, earnest and wonderfully sympathetic. Let us lift up the word, the word saves. The word comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comforted.

Let us lift up the wonderful Christ. He said if I be lifted up; that he would save the world.

Praise the Lord! He is glorious; never shall his promise fail; God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the Lord! Of our salvation! Hosts on high pow'r proclaim; heav'n and earth and all creation laud and magnify his name.

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Is It Christmas? "We Would See Jesus."

(Continued)

By Dr. P.A. Brodie



Executive Secretary Brodie

We Would See Jesus

We would see Jesus; lo! His star is shining
Above the stable while the angels sing;
There in a manger on the hay reclining;
Haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.

We would see Jesus; Mary's Son most holy,
Light of the village life from day to day;
Shining revealed through every task most lowly;
The Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.

We would see Jesus; on the mountain teaching,
With all the listening people gathered round;
While birds and flowers and sky above are preaching
The blessedness which simple trust has found.

We would see Jesus; in the early morning,
Still as of old He calleth, "Follow me,"
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning;
Lord, we are Thine, we give ourselves to Thee.

Amen.

Appreciation Ceremony Honoring

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie

By Archie D. Logan, Jr. Editor

(Editor's Note: Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the WBH & FMC, Dr. P.A. Brodie was honored Friday, November 30, 1990, at 7:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Franklinton, N.C. Dr. Coolidge McCoy, Pastor. Dr. Brodie is recognized around the nation as a leading Christian Educator, and African-American Denomination Executive. We all recognize her service.)

NAME: Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie

BIRTH: -Daughter of Reverend and Mrs. D. H. Brodie and sister of Mrs. Gloria B. Eley -Native of Franklinton, North Carolina.

EDUCATION: -Secondary: Graduate of B. F. Person High School, Franklinton, North Carolina.

-Undergraduate: Graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, with a B.A. degree in English.

-Graduate/Professional: Graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, with a Master of Divinity with Religious Education and Doctor of Ministry degrees (the first black woman doctoral candidate and the second woman doctoral candidate of this institution).

-Other Studies: Did study at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, and North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

EXPERIENCE: -Serves as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to General Baptist State Convention.

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-Served as a teacher with Sem. Ex. Program of the BSC.

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-Member of the Executive Committee and General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina..

-Member of the Executive Committee and Board of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC.

-Member of the Executive Committee of the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

-Member of the Trustee Boards of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

-Member of the First Baptist Church, Franklinton, North Carolina, where she once served as superintendent of the Sunday School and organist of the Youth Choir and now serves as the Director of Christian Education.

-Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

-A former member of the National Education Association and North Carolina Teachers Association.

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-Recipient of the "Magnificent Women of Troas" and the Majectic Leader..." Awards (Lott Carey Convention).

-Recipient of a "First Baptist Sunday School Appreciation Plaque" for dedicated service as the first women superintendent.

-Recipient of Certification by the Seminary Extension Department of the Seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention to teach courses in the Basic and College level Curriculum Series Extension Centers affiliated with the Seminary Extension Department.

-Recipient of the "Shaw Divinity School's President's Award for Distinguished Services."

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HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED...: -Recipient of "An Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Service to the Cause of Christian Missions Award" by the Springfield Memorial Baptist Church, Stanley, North Carolina.

-Recipient of the "Martin Luther King, Jr., Par Excellence Service Award" for the Cause of Missions by the General Baptist State Convention, Inc.

-Recipient of the honor as serving as honorary Co-Chairman of the 1988-89 Shaw University Endowment Major Fund Drive.

-Recipient of an honorary doctoral degree, Doctor of Christian Letters, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

-An orator for different occasions throughout North Carolina, the United States, and for an occasion in Africa-among these:

.A seminar at the Victor Glass Conference, SBC, meeting at Decatur, Georgia.

.A seminar at the north American Baptist Women's Union, BWA, meeting at Kansas City, Kansas.

.A session at the Woman's convention Auxiliary, NBC, USA.

.A Dedicatory and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Clinic, Lott Carey Mission, Liberia, Africa (gave greetings).

TRAVEL: -To many counties of North Carolina.

-Many states of the United States.

-To Liberia, West Africa.

-To Montreal, Canada.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Witnessing For Christ

By Ms. Augusta White, Associate Editor

Youth from different sections of North Carolina filed into the auditorium of Reidsville High School for the Ninth Annual Youth Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Co-Hosts were Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, Reverend G.K. Moss, Pastor; and Rockingham County Union, Mrs. Thelma Hines, President.

Ms. Tania Butler, President of the Youth Department presided.

The mood for the conference was set by the meditation period: opening song — youth choir, "Jesus Loves Me;" scripture — Glennie Henderson, Zion Baptist Church; prayer — Jimmy Johnson, Mt. Sinai, Eden.

Greetings were extended by the following persons: Reverend G.K. Moss; Dr. W.B. Lewis, newly elected President of the General Baptist State Convention and Pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh; Mrs. Barbara T. Hewett, Youth Supervisor; Mrs. Eva Johnson, President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. President Johnson stated that our Youth Evangelism Conference is to help make friends for Christ. She emphasized the need for a youth ministry to reach the youth for Christ. Our youth need to be trained how to evangelize so that people will come running and asking what they can do to know Christ; Ms. Melanie Bullock, Second Vice President, Youth Department, expressed thanks to the Convention for providing the opportunity for the youth and was pleased to see so many present; Mrs. Thelma Hines, President, Rockingham County Union, said, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." May you have a productive and spiritual conference while here in Reidsville.

Music, "My God Can Do Anything" was done by the choir.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, thanked the co-hosts for their sacrificial service in securing the facility for the conference and for all the work done in advance by the church and the union. Dr. Brodie gave announcements concerning the next meetings.

A very appropriate song was done by the choir just before the mini-sessions, "We're Going To Make It."

The mini-sessions leaders were Dione Dunston, Fourth Vice President of the Woman's Baptist State Convention Youth Department, and Victor Davis, student at Shaw University.

Dione stated that often times youth have a difficult time preparing themselves to lead others to Christ. Youth may think it is a task that should be taken on by adults. The book of Isaiah 43:10 tells us that we are His witnesses says the Lord and my servants whom I have chosen, that you may know me, believe me and remain steadfast to me and understand that I am He.

We must know God and stay in His love. The only way we can know God is through salvation. Salvation is not a difficult freedom to obtain. Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Being saved is the first step to preparing for witnessing. Secondly, after you have been saved you must receive the commission and be committed to "go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and low I am with you to the end of the world." When it says "go ye," it means adults, young adults and youth. Dione stated that she thought missionaries enjoy quoting this guideline or plan. As youth missionaries, we must be willing not only to repeat the commission but to put it into practice in our daily walk and bring the unsaved to Christ.

II. "Am I Living the Life I Sing?" was led by Victor Davis, a student at Shaw University.

1. What are you singing about? Many songs we sing are not what we should sing. As youth we should sing songs about Jesus Christ. We should sing songs that have a Christian message and we should sing songs in a language that people can understand.

2. How should we sing? We should give God quality praise through music. When we sing, "Lord Lift Me Up And I shall stand by Faith, on heaven's table land, a higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground," let us be sure we are living what we sing about.

3. For whom are we singing? We need to live the life about which we sing. Salvation is a process. There is joy in being a Christian, and we should be able to sing for God. We should be glad to sing about what God has done for us, to us, and with us.

During his presentation Victor mentioned several songs youth should sing and those that they should not sing. Youth should sing, "Where He leads me I will follow. When He leads me I will follow. Where He leads me I shall follow, I'll go with Him, With Him all the way." As young Christians, we should be glad to sing, "I have decided to follow Jesus...No turning back, no turning back."

Question and answer period was led by Mrs. Louise Lassiter, Youth Advisory Council. The youth were eager to share their Christian experiences. This was begun by Reverend Darryl McGraw, Youth Worship Chairman, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

Danielle Lassiter, presented Reverend Osco Gardin, Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, for the message. Reverend Osco Gardin spoke from the subject, "Power To Be A Witnessing Youth," Acts. 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Jesus charged his disciples to remain at Jerusalem until they had been baptized with the Holy Ghost so that they could receive power to be witnesses.

1. To whom is the power given? Power is given to the disciples; however, this also represents power being given to the church. The church is a called out people, a selected people, a living people of God, regardless of status, age, creed or race.
2. What is the purpose for the giving of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is given so that we can be witnesses of Jesus. Has not the Lord kept and preserved us? We must be doers and not hearers only of the **Word** to be witnesses. The greatest witness we can be is to live out of the word.
3. What is the geographic course for witnessing? Youth must witness at home, in the state and in the world. Your witnessing is to be universal and not limited.

Youth, go and tell somebody about Jesus. Jesus is looking for a witnessing youth. Stand up in the home, the classroom, the street, in the morning and be a witness for the Lord. This is the job of a witnessing youth. These are evil days but God said He will be with you as you witness for Him.

Dedication and rededication followed the sermon.

Music was furnished by the youth choir directed by Miss Rochelle Tucker.

ISAIAH 9:6

Martin Luther King, III, Yolanda King, Ruby Dee And Ossie Davis Join Cast of *This Road Since Freedom*

By J.Vincent Terry, Contributing Editor

(Boston, Mass) — Boston University has announced that Martin Luther King, III, Yolanda King, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis will take part in **"This Road Since Freedom:** The Making of a Dream," in celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and a tribute to the work of C. Eric Lincoln. They join the previously announced cast of Shirley Verrett, David Arnold, Pamela Dillard, Steven Salters, Lovell Dyatt, Michael Beattie and The All Saints Ashmont Boy Choir.

The program of dramatic readings and vocal presentations will take place in Symphony Hall in Boston on Sunday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets priced at $35, $20, and $15 go on sale after December 9 at the George Sherman Union Box Office at Boston University, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, and at Symphony Hall. They can also be ordered by phone, at 617/266-1492.

This Road Since Freedom is based on a collection of poems of the same name by C. Eric Lincoln. In these poems, Dr. Lincoln expresses and reflects on black history through the eyes of a variety of characters. His poems celebrate black heroes and challenge all of us to work toward breaking down the barriers of misunderstanding and mistrust.

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Archie D. Logan, Jr., Editor

"Crisis In The African-American Church"

(The First Article In A Series On Church Problems)

From The Editor's Desk

By Archie D. Logan Jr.

During the past year we have seen an alarming increase in CRISIS in the African-American Church. All those that love the church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ have a growing concern. For the next several months I will be presenting a series of editorial book reviews and articles on the plight of the African-American church.

One of our leading pastors the Reverend Dr. James E. Montgomery, Sr., Pastor of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina, has written a book: **Black Churches: Their Problems!**, 1988, which focuses on several key problem areas of the African-American church.

Dr. Montgomery states in his preface that he is not attempting "to give a complete treatment of any of the subjects listed in the chapter title. The writer has tried to focus a spotlight on a few spicy morsels in an effort to stimulate the black church to search her own soul. . ."

The book is a very good source for beginning debate on the problems and solutions for an African-American church in crisis. Dr. Montgomery has outlined his book beginning with Chapter I; "The Problem With the Origin of the Black Church;" followed by, Chapter II, "The Problem With the Officers of the Black Church;" Chapter III, "The Problem With the Organization of the Black Church;" Chapter IV, "The Problem With the Offerings in the Black Church;" Chapter V, "The Problem With the Opposition to the Black Church;" Chapter VI, "The Problem With the Outreach in the Black Church;" and finally Chapter VII, "Results of the Gospel."

Black Churches: Their Problems!



Dr. James E. Montgomery, Sr.

The book list for $5.25 tax included, and has One Hundred and Eleven, (111), pages. The footnoting is adequate but not extensive; however, there is a brief bibliography and additional references for follow-up.

In his attempt to focus on several key problem areas in the African-American church Dr. Montgomery mixes biblical truth, cultural roots, sociological reality, racism, and ethical skills, into an electic style grounded in fundamental Christian morality. Dr. Montgomery does not avoid confronting African-American preacher/pastors, musicians, church officers, nor members in their roles in the crisis that plague the church.

The greatest limitations of the book are its characterizations of African-American women and the sexism that overshadows the church and this book. Although Dr. Montgomery does not question the authority of God to call women into the pastoral ministry; he, definitely, does not encourage them to heed that call. Many recent scholars have taken issues with the subservient role that African-American women have suffered in the church. Dr. Montgomery's book will stir heated debate in this area.

The book often alludes to issues that emerge from the theodicy question. Dr. Montgomery often defends God's goodness and omnipotence in view of the existence of evil in the world. The book is easy to read and outline for discussions and debates.

I highly recommend this book for several reasons: 1) It lifts up many essential problems in the African-American church that need to be confronted by church leaders and members. 2) The book stirs intense debate on many "stereotype" attitudes held by African-American preacher/pastors. 3) The book has a short concise bibliography and source guide for additional reading. 4) Dr. Montgomery is available to lead workshops and church institutes on the issues he puts before us. 5) The book strongly encourages the African-American church to move from where it is today, to new levels of accountability, faith, and witness.

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Editorial

Tony Brown Plan May Help Economy

Tony Brown, the award-winning journalist, has offered a workable blueprint for the economic revitalization of the African-American economy.

Navigating smoothly through typically strong research — bolstered by an entertaining analysis — Brown electrified hundreds of guests at a recent conference with a speech calling on African-Americans to use still dormant economic muscles to complete the human rights revolution in the U.S.

Too often, Brown pointed out, Blacks spend way too much time criticizing Whites for not doing things that can only be done permanently by Blacks. Ironically, he preached, Blacks give almost all of the massive money they earn to the very White they criticize for not helping to build Black communities.

African-Americans are unique in their virtual "boycott" of businesses owned by their own people. Every other American ethnic group — Irish, Asian, Arab, Jewish and more — spend most of their money with each other. But in the name of "integration," Brown said, Blacks avoid this economic dictate. Black leaders, he said, are later seen whining to Whites for financial assistance.

Psychologically, Brown believes, this pattern has had a devastating impact on what was once centuries-honed Black optimism and resilience. Whites, as a result of negative thought patterns, are turned into larger-than-creation humans who are always victorious in their design to keep African-Americans in a down-and-out state.

Forced integration, he added, is based on the spectacular myth that Black kids sitting next to so-called superior White kids will make them smarter. White youths themselves are mired in serious underachievement, he pointed out.

Each year, Brown explained the major Black organizations hold conventions where they eat, party and decry "minority poverty"...as they spend millions of dollars that could to toward helping spin-off banks, new businesses, social programs and jobs in the African-American community.

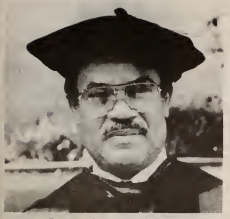
Brown then forewarned to what has become his familiar challenge to the scores of Black groups which comprise African-American leadership and much of the educated elite. He urged them to cancel convention plans for the next year, bank the money annually given to hotel owners, caterers and transportation providers and use the funds to set up a lending institution that can help build businesses...including the potential purchase of convention facilities which would keep the funds in the African-American community.

Brown may seem a bit idealistic in his free enterprise-as-panacea approach to African-American problems. But Black leaders must acknowledge that their appeals to White conscience and philanthropy has done little to erase the most pervasive and damaging African-American problems.

We endorse the Brown plan. It may seem painful, but those Black groups which claim to desire an end to Black economic problems yet continue to contribute to it are being fraudulent in their mission-oriented claims.



SHAW UNIVERSITY NEWS



Dr. Talbert O. Shaw

From The President's Desk:

EPA and Shaw University Announce Research Apprenticeship Program for Minority High School Students

By Dr. Ronald Swain, Vice President, IDP

RESEARACH TRIANGLE PARK, NC — The Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Shaw University, a historically black university, are entering a cooperative agreement that will provide promising minority high school students from Wake County with supplemental training in science and math and apprenticeships with environmental researchers. Federal Government funding for the first year of this program is $80,000.

The apprenticeship program will be small — eight students at each grade level — and will be implemented progressively. That is, the first year, only ninth grade students will be involved; the second year, ninth and tenth; the third year, ninth through eleventh; and the fourth year, all four grades.

Ronald Bradow of EPA's Atmospheric Research and Exposure Assessment Laboratory, Office of Research and Development is project officer for the apprenticeship program. Other local EPA offices that have contributed to this effort include the Human Resources Management Division and the Area Office of Civil Rights.

"As EPA celebrates the twentieth anniversary of its founding, we are looking toward the future and acting to ensure the nation has the scientists, mathematicians and engineers needed to address environmental problems," Elilzabeth J. Hudson, EPA's senior official for research and development in the Research Triangle Park stated today. EPA has close to 800 Federal employees and contractors at research facilities in the Research Triangle.

"Minority students are underrepresented in science and related fields," Ms. Hudson stated. "To correct this situation, we need to start early — at the high school level. By exposing minority high school students to exciting research programs, we hope to interest them in careers in science. Fortunately, Shaw University, a school known for its innovative curriculum development, will guide us in this endeavor."

Ninth grade students selected for the program will receive 4 years of training. For all 4 years, they will attend Saturday morning classes at Shaw during the academic year. The first two summers will be spent in apprenticeships at Shaw; the last two summers, in apprenticeships at EPA. EPA scientists will bring their firsthand knowledge to the Saturday academy by discussing ongoing research with students. They will act as tutor/mentors to individual students throughout the four years.

The Wake County School System has begun the process of nominating students for the program. Students will be selected from the Gifted and Talented Science and Mathematics Program.

Eugene Baskerville, Chairman of Shaw's Division of Science and Technology will work with Bradow as Project Director. McLouis Clayton, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Shaw, contributed to the development of the agreement.

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Summary of January 1991 Sunday School Lessons



Rev. J. Gentile Everett
Associate Editor

January 6, 1991 — Matthew 13: 1-23

Happy New Year, My Brothers and Sisters! We thank the Lord for another opportunity to share in His many blessing and to lift up His Name in thanksgiving. Studying God's Word is one the those many blessings. It informs us of God's love and mercy, but it also inspires us to get to know who God is. Our study in the Gospels affords us a personal introduction to God through Jesus Christ, the God-Man, the Messiah. Let's study together some of the parables and learn what the Lord has prepared for us this month.

The first parable this month is that of the Sower and the Soils. This was a concept the people Jesus spoke to could understand. Many of his listeners were farmers. In our fast paced society, this motif is still pertinent because even with all of our computers, satellites and lasers, we still look to the earth to produce much of our food, seasonings, and natural materials for our day to day life. You see, Jesus is a man for all seasons, the same yesterday, today and forever. So even though we have advanced technologically, the spiritual truth remains the same.

The spiritual truth Jesus wants us to glean from this parable has to do with the soil. The sower, sowed the seed. There was nothing inherently wrong with the seed. The problem was the soil. The soil, Brothers and Sisters represents our hearts. In order for the seed to grow, the soil conditions must be right.We have to not only receive the seed, the seed is the Word of God, but we have to hide it in our hearts. Then we must be doers of the Word, not hearers only. Jesus told us that if we abide in Him and His Word abides in us we shall ask what we will and it will be given to us. If we will abide in the Lord and seek His Kingdom first in our lives we will bear fruit. We will be productive soil.

Now let's take a look at the productive soil. The soil brought forth at different rates. Don't let that hinder you. Many of us read this passage and start competing with one another, to outdo one another, but that's not what it's all about. We are challenged to be the best we can be with what we have. Give what you have to the Lord and He will multiply it. Remember Jesus is the Vine, the Source. The Father is the Husbandman. He will nurture and prune you to maximize the fruit you bear. Won't you open your heart today and receive the seed of the Word? The Lord has a message for you, but it's up to you to receive it. He who has an ear, let him hear the Word of the Lord.

January 13, 1991 — Matt. 25: 1-13
The Wise and Foolish Virgins

In this lesson Jesus speaks to us about being prepared. Jesus gives the example of the ten bridesmaids. We've often heard them referred to as the wise and foolish virgins. The lesson is just as pertinent to us today as it was to those who heard Jesus tell the story. During the time of our text a wedding was a great time of celebration lasting several days and the groom was the center of attention. Jesus tell us that the kingdom of heaven is like ten virgins who took their lamps to meet the bridegroom. Jesus is the groom. And the kingdom of heaven will be full of joy and celebration.

The charge of the bridesmaids is to light the way to welcome the groom when he arrived at the bride's home. We are the bridesmaids charged to light the way. The bride is the church. As attendants to the bride, we light the path to her. Will those who don't know find the path enlightened by your lamp? When the Groom arrives will your lamp be trimmed and burning to greet Him as were the lamps of the five wise virgins or will your lamp be running on empty like those of the five foolish virgins?

Our call is to be prepared to meet the Lord and to light the way. In order to meet the Lord we must receive Him into our lives and take seriously our commitment to be ready when He returns.We must light the way to the bride. In order to light the way we must receive the Light. Jesus is the Light of the World. Receive Him in your life, let His Word work in you so that no matter what comes your way and no matter how long it is before He returns you will be found ready. This is what the wise bridesmaids did. The five foolish virgins may be likened to those who hear the Word but do not take seriously the charge to which they are called. They join in the celebration but do not accept the responsibility of their commitment. They are unprepared when the Lord is delayed. And when he does arrive their lights will be going out.

Once the bridegroom arrives it will be too late for us just as it was for the five foolish virgins. The bridesmaids went to get oil, but while they were gone the Groom arrived and the party moved into the house. When the bridesmaids returned the door was shut and the Groom denied knowing them. This will be the plight for those who are not ready when Jesus returns. In that moment will be great sadness. Will you find yourself cast out when Jesus returns because your lamp was not filled with oil and burning brightly? Keep your lamp trimmed through prayer, study and doing the work the Lord has given you. Then you will be able to light the way for the Bridegroom's entrance.

January 20, 11991 — Luke 16: 19-31
The Rich Man and Lazarus

As we continue to study the parables of Jesus, we find a lesson in life and death. In today's lesson, Jesus tells us of a rich man and a poor man. The purpose of this lesson was to make a point to the Pharisees. But Jesus' lessons know no time barrier. The lesson He gave the pharisees holds the same power for us today.

The pharisees were the spiritual leaders of the time. They were also well-to-do, well respected and because of their position they received certain privileges. Some of the pharisees abused their status. They had become so concerned with legalism and traditionalism of the Law, they missed out on the Spirit of the Law. There are pharisees in the church today. We must be careful because we will reap what we sow. This is the message of today's parable.

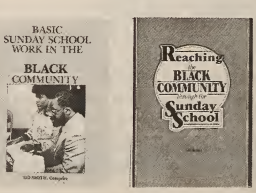
Two men, one rich and another poor, lived in the same town. The rich man had all the benefits this world has to give. The poor man whose name was Lazrus was poor and sick. He sat at the gate of the rich man's house hoping to feed himself with the garbage that the rich man threw out. This image has physical and spiritual implications for us. The world is in need. There are people who need food, homes, jobs, clothing, health care while others have an abundance of these. Brothers and Sisters there are people raiding garbage cans to get some food in their bodies. There are people who are hungry for the Living Bread. They want to know that Jesus loves them, that He will comfort, strengthen and keep them. And yet we have the opportunity to come together to worship the Lord and fall asleep or are so busy watching someone else we miss the message from the Lord. We then leave worship and won't share the Good News with someone else. We are like the rich man.

As the parable continues, both the rich man and Lazarus die. The rich man finds himself in spiritual anguish and torment. The poor man on the other hand rested in the bosom of Abraham. In other words He was with God. What a difference! Now the man who had everything on earth sought just to have his tongue dipped in water. But even in his torment he still sought to give directions for his relief.

But relief was not to be for the rich man. While on earth he had material wealth but was not concerned about his soul. The poor man had none of the comforts of earthly life but his spiritual life

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was in order. In spite of the appearance, Lazarus had it all. Where do you stand today?

There is no passing from one place to another once this earthly life is over. And we need to heed Abraham's caution to us when he denied the rich man's request to send Lazarus back to speak to his family. We like Lazarus' family have Moses and the Law. We also have Jesus, the disciples and our foreparents. If we will not heed the lessons they have taught we will not heed one who passed on. The direction is before us. We cannot serve two masters. Where does your allegiance lie? Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.

January 27, 1991 — Luke 19: 11-27

In this final lesson of stories exhorting us to faith and faithfulness we learn the parable of the pounds. In this parable Jesus tells of a man who goes to secure his kingdom. Before the nobleman left he gave each of ten servants a pound and the directive, "occupy till I come." The parable proceeds with the nobleman now ruler of the land returning and calling for the servants to give an account. We learn the actions of three of the servants.

The nobleman in this parable represents Jesus the Prince of Peace. He left heaven to reclaim man to the Father. After teaching and ministering, Jesus suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead and for forty days after His resurrection Jesus gave final instructions and returned to the Father. Before Jesus ascended, He gave instruction to His disciples. Those of us who are Jesus' disciples today have those same instructions, and they are what the nobleman gave to his servants, "Occupy till I come." Occupy does not mean to just take up space. In Matt. 28: 18-20 Jesus gave us a job to do. That is what we must do until Jesus comes to claim His kingdom on earth.

When Jesus returns He will look to see what we have done in His absence. What pounds do I have you ask? Your have your faith, your talents, and the Word of God. We are directed to use these to the best of our abilities and the fruit we bear will give God the glory. There will be opposition to your work because there are those who oppose Jesus. They opposed His ministry when He walked the earth — He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But Jesus promised to be with us and He is faithful to His promise.

Our parable tells us what to expect when Jesus returns. The man returned and commanded an account from his servants. Three of the servants' stories are given. The first servant was faithful. He was faithful and reported the results with humility. This servant knew the source of what he had received and acknowledged that. His efforts were rewarded. The same is true of the second servant. Alas, the third servant just held on to the pound he received. He offered excuses for why he just held on to what had been intrusted to him.

There's an old saying, "He who excuses, accuses." This man in essence accused himself of being lazy. He could have put the pound in the bank and let it collect interest. In the end, he lost what he had. The same happens with our lives. If we do not use the talents the Lord gives us they will be taken from us. But if we lift the Lord up in the stewardship of those things He has given us, He will bless us. As for those who oppose the Lord, they too will face judgment. In the parable the opposers were killed. When Jesus makes His return, the opposers will face eternal death — separation from the Lord. As we begin 1991, strive to be faithful every day. Give of your best to the Master, and your will hear Him say, "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Ground-Breaking Ceremony Held

By Irene S. Steele, Associate Secretary

A Jubilee Tea and Ground Breaking ceremony was recently held on the property of the Yadkin and Davie association at highway 901 and 115 in Iredell County.

Theme: Ground-Breaking and Sign
Dedication: Scripture ref: Joshua 4: 15-24

The call to worship was by Moderator Rev. Ardeal Roseboro. The opening hymn was "Down at the Cross" by the congregation. The invocation was by the vice moderator, Rev. S.F. Hairston. Scripture was by Rev. W.E. Martin. The association history was by Sis. Lottie S. Carson and Sis. Alma J. Lesane. The memorial was done by Sis. Carrie Wilkins. The association minutes were done by the association secretary, Sis. Irene S. Steele. Offering was lifted by Bros. Dallas S. Steele and H.B. Carter. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Walter Tidline.

The ground-breaking ceremony was conducted with the moderators in charge along with the oldest members of the association.

The purpose of the ceremony was to build a picnic shelter on the property.

About 100 persons attended the service and enjoyed a beautiful picnic lunch on the property following the ceremony.



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Initial Sermon Announced

By Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr.

Charles V. Brown, Jr., 4508 Latrobe Court, Raleigh, N.C., 27605, delivered his initial public sermon on Sunday, December 9, 1990 at 4 p.m. at Christian Faith Baptist Church, located at The Shaw Divinity School Chapel, 509 Hilltop Drive.

Mr. Brown, the son of Mrs. Lillian Brown and the late Charles Brown, Sr., is married to the former Dorothy Recasner. They have a daughter, Autumn and two sons, Charles III and Byron. Mr. Brown earned the A.A.S. degree in electronics while serving his country through the U.S. Air Force and the B.A. degree in Speech Communications from North Carolina State University. He is currently enrolled in the second year of graduate study toward the Master of Divinity degree at The Shaw Divinity School, where he serves as President of the Student Government Association.

A deacon at Christian Faith Baptist Church, Mr. Brown has served in a variety of lay ministerial roles including, Scout Master, Church School instructor, Couples Ministry Leader and Discipleship Instructor. Mr. Brown was the first moderator and administrator of Christian Faith Baptist Church.



Rev. Charles V. Brown, Jr.

Mr. Brown is employed with the State of North Carolina as Campus Relations Coordinator, Office of State Personnel; and owner of Capital Computing Services of Raleigh, N.C.

Christian Faith Baptist Church and Pastor David C. Forbes, Sr. cordially invites the public to attend and witness this special worship service.

Dr. R.E. Devoe Elected Historian Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

By A.D. Logan, Jr., Editor

Lexington, Ky. — On Thursday, August 9, 1990, Dr. R.E. Devoe, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C. was elected Historian of Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

The mission of the Progressive National Baptist Convention is to enable the constituent churches; through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to share in reconciling the whole world to Christ Jesus; to enhance the quality of life by proclaiming and practicing a wholistic gospel; and by applying that proclamation and practice to the distortions and injustices in society that prohibits peace and the equitable sharing of those available goods and services that lead to a fuller life of social, economic, physical and spiritual well-being in God's Kingdom.

The offices are: President, Recording Secretary; First Vice President, First Assistant Recording Secretary; Second Vice President, Second Assistant Recording Secretary; 4 Regional Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer, Historian.

Its structure consists of six departments: Women, Laymen, Ushers, Youth, Moderators Council, Congress of Christian Education.

These departments have various Units under their Jurisdiction to carry out their aims and objectives in conformity with the Convention's goals. Said departments report to the Convention's Executive Committee and/or Executive Board in January and August.

The Executive Board reports and makes recommendations to the Convention at its annual session in August. The authority of the Convention reposes in the Executive Committee when neither the Executive Board nor the Convention is in Session.

The Convention is divided into four regions: EASTERN, MIDWESTERN, SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN — which hold separate annual regional sessions reporting to the Convention's MidWinter Session in January and to the Annual Session in August of each year.

The Convention also has BOARDS, AGENCIES, AND BUREAUS among which are: EDUCATION and PUBLICATION, FOREIGN MISSION BUREAU and HOME MISSION BOARD.

Since its inception, a permanent headquarters has been established in Washington, D.C. and staffed with a full-time General Secretary, Reverend Tyrone Pitts, and support personnel to carry out the Convention's work in a systematic and beneficial way.

The Home Mission Board of PNBC is housed in the official headquarters under the management of its full-time Executive Director, Reverend Archie LeMone.

Dr. Charles Adams is President of PNBC.

Dr. R.E. Devoe is a preacher, educator, pastor evangelist, civic and potential worker, a humanitarian, a family man and servant of God.

He has received honors and awards from various organizations and groups because he serves with sincerity and integrity. Since coming to North Carolina he has served as pastor for two churches in the Ebenezer Association and in the city of Shelby, N.C.

He has actively supported the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Cleveland County.

Dr. Devoe is the minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church, and has been its minister for the past twenty-one years and the former moderator of the Ebenezer Association. He is a graduate of Benedict College and the J.J. Starks School of Theology in Columbia, South Carolina where he received the bachelor of Science (BS) and bachelor of Divinity degrees respectively. He is also a graduate of Atlanta University where he received the Master's Degree in Science Education. He was awarded the DD degree from Friendship College of Rock Hill, South Carolina. He completed his work for the Master of Divinity at Mid-Atlantic College in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Presently he is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry Degree at Erskine Theological Seminary.

Dr. Devoe has gained a wealth of experience. He has taught in the public school system of South Carolina for several years. He served as a science consultant to the Public School System of Washington, D.C. He served as professor of chemistry at Friendship Junior College in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He also worked with the Community Action Agency of Shelby and Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Dr. Devoe is married to the former Ms. Odessa Threatt of Columbia, South Carolina and to this union three children were born, Pamela, Drusilla, and Robert. Rev. Devoe is a husband, father, leader, stateman educator, a chosen vessel of God and a devoted servant of God.

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